Let there be light? SAC to decide tomorrow

By DOUG SMITH
Staff writer

A decision is expected tomorrow on a theatre centre request for a $12,000 grant from the Student Administrative Council (SAC).

The centre wants the money for a lighting system to replace one which is "totally unreliable and a grave danger," John Rapsey, theatre arts program co-ordinator, said.

In a brief to a SAC meeting Oct. 31, Mr. Rapsey asked the council for $12,000 towards a total cost of $30,000. The rest is to come from theatre revenue and matching Wintario funds.

The brief said: "The safety factors involved with this equipment are also extremely grave. Both the college electrician (Glen Brooks) and the Strand-Century (manufacturers of the system) repairman feel that the present system is dangerous from the point of view of fire hazard and potential for electrical shock."

Mr. Rapsey is "worried sick that there will be an accident at the centre" and he "hopes and prays that it (the system) doesn't blow up."

The centre can get matching funds from Wintario because SAC funds are non-tax money and can be matched by a lottery grant, he said.

FUNDS 'NOT AVAILABLE'

The funds are "just not available" through the college's administration, Mr. Rapsey said, because the cost of the system is more than the whole capital equipment budget for the School of Applied Arts.

The problem "must be solved immediately" because "every production in the past 2½ years has been accompanied by some crisis with the lighting system."

He hopes the money will come from three sources: $12,000 from SAC, $3,000 in revenue from the theatre presentation at Christmas and $15,000 in matching Wintario funds.

Mr. Rapsey will ask the finance committee of the college to cover the cost of labor and materials for installation of the system. The installation will cost about $5,000 and take about one month.

"Although the lighting system still functions, it is so unreliable and full of gremlins that it is virtually impossible to light a show properly or to do an adequate lighting cue," Mr. Rapsey said.

The control system is nearly 10 years old and has "repeatedly broken down, necessitating costly repairs." It was fixed in January 1978, at a cost of more than $2,000, when Strand-Century said it was "many years behind its time and therefore the reliability of modern electronic theory is lacking."

Renee Bertrand, SAC representative for the centre, said the problem has been going on "for a number of years" and just before the presentation of three one-act plays, Oct. 19-21, "the whole lighting system went out."

Mr. Rapsey had a meeting

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Theatre lighting repairs 'disregard...safety code'

Equipment repairs to the lighting system at the Niagara College Theatre Centre have been "undertaken with flagrant disregard to the Ontario Safety Code," according to college electrician Glen Brooks.

In a report to John Rapsey, theatre arts program co-ordinator, Mr. Brooks said, "Concentrated effort is required immediately to return the installation to acceptable standards."

Mr. Brooks examined the lighting system at the centre at the request of Mr. Rapsey and found that:

- "The patch panel is comprised of CSA approved components but is improperly enclosed, improperly grounded and improperly located.
- "The lighting grid is not grounded.

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Weather: Slightly cooler and cloudy

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NIAGARA COLLEGE of Applied Arts and Technology LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

Suggests mediator

By JOE WALLACE
Staff writer

Fact finder Ross Kennedy has recommended a mediator be appointed in contract talks between the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) support staff and the Council of Regents.

In his report made public Nov. 2, Mr. Kennedy said the main gap between the two parties is wages.

Both parties, he says, realize the settlement they seek from Sept. 1 to Dec. 31 of this year is subject to anti-inflation guidelines, and have agreed on a 2.8 per cent wage increase. The union is seeking a 14.5 per cent increase in wages beginning next year. The colleges are offering four per cent, saying anti-inflation guidelines are still in effect.

"The total union demand for the contract year is an increase in compensation and benefit costing 17.3 per cent, exclusive of increment, whereas the proposal of the colleges over the same period is 6.8 per cent, exclusive of increment," Mr. Kennedy said.

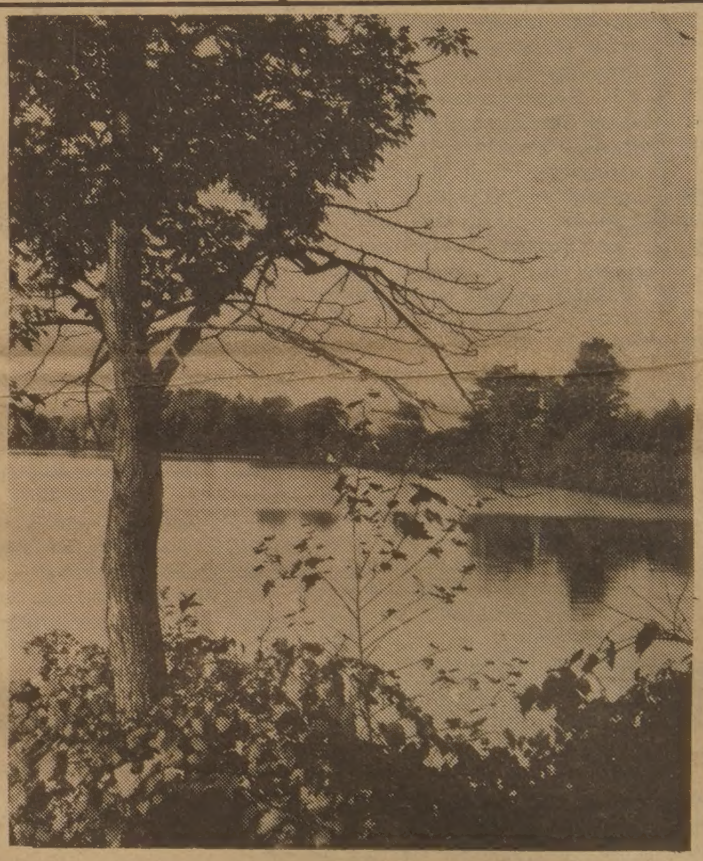
Mr. Kennedy said the argument put forward by the union has merit, but at this time would be unrealistic, because of the state of the economy.

On the other hand, he says the offer of the colleges "certainly falls at the lower end of the range of reasonableness wherein a fair level of compensation would lie."

Support staff has been issued a directive by their union to turn down the contract offer.

Niagara's support staff will vote on the contract offer this Thursday.

Contract negotiations broke off Aug. 8 and support staff has been working without a contract since the end of August.



Autumn tranquility

Some of the most beautiful fall scenery in the Niagara peninsula can be found at Lake Gibson near Decew Falls. Numerous spots, such as the one above, provide a relaxing escape from the hurried pace of everyday life. (Photo by Wallace)

Wilson to leave Board despite pleas to remain

Don Wilson is resigning Dec. 31 from the Board of Governors after only one term despite attempts by the board to persuade him to stay.

Ruth Ferguson of Welland asked Mr. Wilson to stay at the Board meeting Oct. 26, saying the board needs people who are experienced. Eleanor Lancaster, chairman of the Board, said Board members had appealed to Mr. Wilson to stay.

William Burton, past chairman, said there was a need for experienced members on the board to help those who are inexperienced. As well, he said he did not want the board to be deprived of a possible future chairman.

Chefs, and bar staff will train in Toronto

By MICHAEL PLONER
Staff writer

A $2 million training school for professional chefs and bar staff will be instituted only if it is located at George Brown College, according to Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president.

Canadian Press reported last week that the proposed institute would be built in Toronto but did not specify the exact location.

Miss Robarts said the ministry of industry and tourism wants a separate institute built outside the community college system that would report directly to the minister of colleges and universities, Dr. Bette Stevenson.

The ministry of colleges and universities will fund the $2 million proposed for the Hostelry Institute.

Miss Robarts quoted Dr. Stevenson as saying the ministry of industry and tourism must accept the George Brown College offer or nothing; Dr. Stevenson wants the program to report to the president of George Brown College.

Miss Robarts said she is pleased the money will be spent on an institute inside the community college system rather than on an institute outside the system.

A. P. McIntee, dean of business at Niagara, said he felt the $2 million should be spread among more community colleges and not centred at one location.

WOULD PREFER COLLEGES

Mr. McIntee said Niagara College tried to present the idea that existing community colleges are a more realistic way to provide the same service.

"I feel that the colleges have the expertise and equipment to train the required staff."

The Hostelry Institute was conceived in conjunction with a report made by a select committee on the manpower needs of the Ontario tourism industry.

The committee was begun by the Ontario ministry of industry and tourism and comprised leaders drawn from the Ontario accommodation and food service industry.

"One has to wonder if this group fully evaluated existing facilities," Mr. McIntee said.

He said Niagara's hotel school facilities are not used from June to September.

"Niagara College is well equipped and staffed to provide training for professional chefs and bar staff members," Mr. McIntee said.

He said the $2 million and related expenses will be spent unnecessarily if the institute is built.

The new institute to train the chefs and bar staff is planned for the Kensington campus at George Brown in Toronto.

"This is unfortunate; it limits the number of people outside Toronto who would be in a position to attend such an institute," Mr. McIntee said.

"Community colleges are conveniently located throughout the province and are more readily accessible to a number of students."

John Peacock, hotel and restaurant administration program co-ordinator, said the institute would be competitive with Niagara College if it started drawing students from this area.

He said it appears the training offered will be different from what Niagara College provides.

"We will have to look at where the students are coming from."

It's Municipal Election Day

VOTE *as you like...but* VOTE

Jacqueline Robarts and her favorite toxic mushroom, George Shureta, at an Oct. 26 Halloween party at the Horticulture centre.
(Photo by Epp)

Hort. hijinks: Jackie bumps, joint jumps

Although she didn't wear a costume and she did arrive late, Jacqueline Robarts was probably the most applauded dancer at a Halloween party held Oct. 26 at the horticulture centre in St. Catharines.

Here I am, the president of the college, bumping with the students," she laughed.

Dressed in jeans and a blue Niagara College golf jacket, Miss Robarts danced with some of the costumed partiers, including Peter Mansfield, program co-ordinator.

Miss Robarts had earlier declined the invitation to attend the party because of a scheduled Board of Governors meeting.

"A girl named Karen called me and asked if I would come, even if the meeting was late," Miss Robarts said. "The meeting ended at 9 o'clock, so I went to the party."

The party, which was limited to horticulture students and staff and their guests, had the usual crowd of devils and witches. However, the students found favor with vegetation and elected two senior students dressed as cotton balls for first prize.

Karen Dubien and Georgina Graham received a 40-ounce bottle for their efforts in disguising themselves as cotton.

Another bottle went as second prize to senior student George Shureta dressed as amanita muscaria, a toxic mushroom. "It's a nice mushroom," he said.

Mr. Mansfield said the horticulture students appreciated the social visit from the president of the college.

Miss Robarts said the horticulture centre has a small, loyal groups of students. She added that the "teachers weren't just chaperons but enjoyed the party."

SAC decision

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with the college president, the dean of applied arts, and the division chairman, who decided the "only way to get these funds was by approaching SAC."

Any money from the administration is not eligible for matching Wintario funds, so if the money were to come from the college, the total amount would be raised.

The theatre centre assists various local theatre groups with presentations of plays by lending manpower for lighting, set construction and costume design.

The centre could not approach organizations they assist for funds because none have the ability to "raise or give money on their own," Mr. Rapsey said. "All the groups are non-profit and have their own problems to deal with."

The system is an "extremely modest piece of equipment," Mr. Rapsey said, and it can be compared to systems in use in "very small" theatres across Canada.

The present system is in such bad condition that it is "worthless to us now," the co-ordinator said. It cannot be sold or traded because it is "junk."

The money can be applied for more Wintario funds in the future, he said. Since the system serves the community as well as the college, the $30,000 can be used for another Wintario grant for another system at any time.

SAC president Jeff Adamson said it "wouldn't be fair" to make a decision at the Oct. 31 meeting, but that "some sort of decision" will be made tomorrow. He said he had no comment on the proposal but said SAC will take a look at the budget to see where the money could be taken from.

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Few show for city hopefuls

The student turn-out to hear speeches of Welland mayoral candidates was less than successful two weeks ago when only a handful showed up at the Hamilton Room.

Jeff Adamson, SAC president, said he arranged the meeting on Oct.26 so students, eligible to vote in the upcoming mayoral election, could hear the three candidates and have an opportunity to question them.

Jeff said he tried to make the students aware of the candidates' speeches, but the announcement apparently didn't get around in time.

The three candidates who spoke were Roland Hardy, Eugene F. Stranges and Anthony J. Triano. All three are members of the Welland city council.

An issue that most concerned students was the extension of Highway 406 to Woodlawn Road. Both Mr. Hardy and Mr. Stranges wanted the extension to be four-lane all the way to Woodlawn Road. While Mr. Triano didn't make any comment on the extension, he did mention that he would "explore and review all areas of spending" if he was elected mayor.

Mr. Hardy, a member of city council for 19 years, could speak for only a few minutes because of a meeting. "After 19 years on council I would like to be mayor of this fine city," he said.

Mr. Stranges, a member of council for 11 years, said, "Welland needs more direct access to the Queen Elizabeth Way."

He wanted to be mayor because "I feel a clear, attainable set of goals should be established."

Among his goals was a system in which development costs would be completely looked after by a developer and therefore provide savings for taxpayers.

Mr. Stranges called the downtown area Welland's essential business centre. He said that the deterioration of Welland's downtown was expected after the building of the Seaway Mall.

He said a plan is being drawn up for the revitalization of the downtown.

The third candidate, Mr. Triano, focused his speech on the theme of leadership. "My whole background in politics is as a leader."

He said he wants the source of taxes removed from the municipal level.

"We have to be wise about our spending," Mr. Triano said. "We have to foot the bill — only us."

Theatre lighting

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•"The incoming 400 amp supply is improperly enclosed, namely, the breaker panel, the splitter panel, the distribution panel and the fused disconnects.

•"The main dimmer pack is unsafe inasmuch as the side panels have been removed and the wiring techniques employed exiting the pack are not to code.

•"Metal ladders are used in place of wood."

The report was made as a part of a brief presented by Mr. Rapsey to the Student Administrative Council (SAC) for $12,000 to buy a new lighting system for the centre.

Cathy Gignac, a fine arts student, works on a pre-study for a still life oil painting.
(Photo by Boyd)

NC's new art option gets home of its own

By MARGARET BOYD
Staff writer

The students in fine arts are full of enthusiasm after nine weeks of classes in the new art option. Taught by Ken Cosgrove, the option is offered this year through the general college program.

Poster design, lettering, oil painting and life studies are offered on a full-time or part-time basis to interested students.

The students assemble in portable classrooms one and three for classes. Before portable classroom one was available, oil painting and life studies were shuffled from room to room in Hennepin Hall each week.

"For the first time we have a place to call our own, hopefully," Margaret Glassford, a student from St. Catharines, said.

Constant moving of rooms required equipment to be moved, still life arrangements to be moved, along with easels and oil paints. It is important for the students to have a place to work undisturbed, Mrs. Glassford said.

The students are serious about the new art option. It is evident in the atmosphere of concentration in the classroom and the rapport between Mr. Cosgrove and his students.

While the students were busily drawing, Mr. Cosgrove toured the room, pointing out a mistake or instructing a student. The room was quiet. On the blackboard was a drawing of a spotlight broken down into circular, elliptical and rectangular formations, like a Da Vinci sketch.

"An artist has to look for shapes, their relationships and the shapes between objects," Mrs. Glassford said, explaining the process of breaking an object into different shapes.

Many of the students would like to make art their career. Dennis Cumming, a student from Fenwick, said the classes required a lot of work, at home as well as in class. He said Mr. Cosgrove leaves the students on their own while they work, circulating once in a while to point out errors.

Portable room one is used for poster design and lettering classes. Ruth Green, a part-time student taking poster design and lettering, said, "It is everything I want." She said the art option is really offering a lot.

"It is necessary to start out in commercial art before an artist can establish a name," she said.

Cathy Gignac, a part-time student from St. Catharines, said she had been painting all her life. She said everyone in the class seemed interested. If there was a second year she would be interested.

Still life arrangements of vases, gourds, teapots and goblets on a fabric backdrop were being sketched in pencil as a pre-study for an oil painting.

Today: cool, cloudy

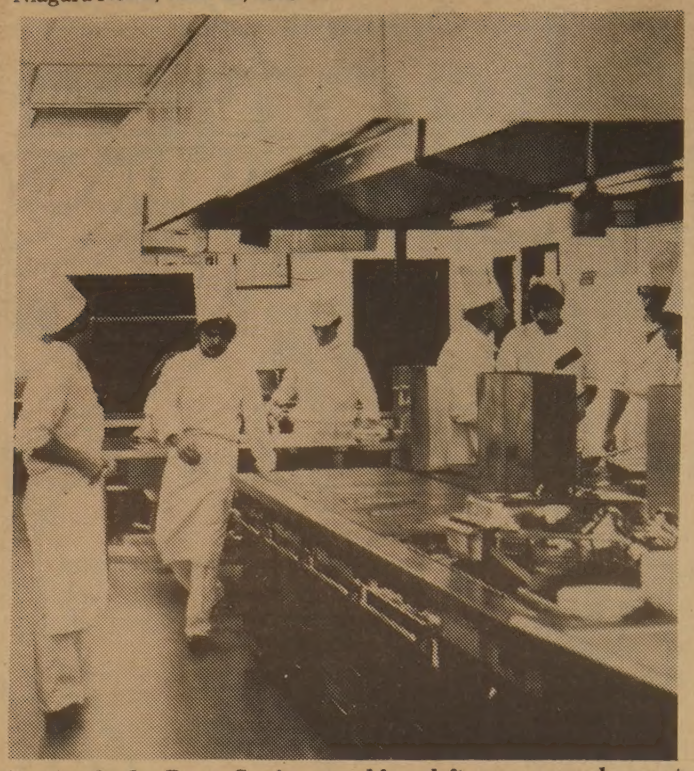
The weather for the Niagara peninsula calls for slightly cooler temperatures today with lows of 2 to 5 and highs of 5 to 8. It will be mostly cloudy. Temperatures for tomorrow should reach seasonal values, which range in the upper single digits.

The sun rises today at 7:10 a.m. and sets at 4:55 p.m. Tomorrow: sunrise is at 7:11 a.m. and sunset is at 4:54 p.m.

The moon rises at 4:18 p.m. today, and sets at 5:21 a.m. Those with a lunar-linked personality should note that the full moon for the month of November occurs tomorrow.

Temperatures and weather elsewhere last week: Whitehorse -10 cloudy, Calgary -3 snow, Miami 26 cloudy, Phoenix 27 sunny, Casablanca 21 partly cloudy, Tehran 15 cloudy (and very unsettled), and New Delhi 27 clear.

Today is the 317th day of 1978, with 42 days remaining until Christmas.



Chef for the day Roger Cowie, second from left, races around ovens to finish some last minute details before the Nov. 2 lunch is served. Stan West, hotel school chef instructor, fourth from right, is giving a few pointers to hotel students preparing the lunch.

(Photo by Ploner)

Rainbow luncheons savory, inexpensive

By MICHAEL PLONER
Staff writer

The rainbow trout's tender white meat falls from its bones. The whipped potato melts before reaching your tongue and the beans are long and lazy under a sauce of butter and spice.

Your host is Jim Coburn, your chef is Roger Cowie and the service is French classical. Reservations are a must, without them you wouldn't have much chance of being served.

Is it possible a lunch of this calibre costs less than $4?

Yes. The meal is part of Niagara College's hotel and restaurant administration program.

Lunches are held in the Rainbow Centre dining room in Niagara Falls every Thursday from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The number of people allowed depends on the rate of progress made by the students. The number of customers rises with the students' increasing expertise.

The hotel students serve everything from the cocktail to the dessert under the critical eye of John Peacock, hotel and restaurant program co-ordinator, and prepare the food under the guidance of Stan West, hotel school chef instructor. Drinks are made under the direction of Lloyd Lakey, assistant food and beverage director for Sheraton operations in Niagara Falls.

Sixteen students work in the dining room and 15 in the kitchen. Second-year students are divided into two groups in the beginning of the school year. One half works in the dining room for the first half of the term and then in the kitchen for the second half.

VARY MENUS

The menu, the chef and the maitre d' hotel change with each lunch. On Nov. 2 the chef for the day was Roger Cowie and the maitre d' was Jim Coburn.

The menu had creme portugaise (tomato and rice soup) or Quiche Lorraine for an appetizer. Rainbow trout or pork with potato duchess, green beans and salad. The dessert trolley boasted a thick chocolate cake, and apple flan and a raisin and vanilla pudding.

The maitre d' assigns the tables and draws dining room plans according to the reservations made. He keeps a time chart for bar and dining room staff. Each student working must sign in and out before leaving. Roger made sure everyone eating the meal was pleased with the food and the service.

The menus are planned mostly by Mr. West with help from the chef who personally inspects every plate before it is served. The waiter or waitress comes into the kitchen and places the order with the chef. The chef calls for the appropriate food and garnishes it before handing it to the waiter or waitress.

Every student is assigned a post in the dining room and in the kitchen and is responsible to that post. Their work day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends when everything is cleaned up properly. The staff then gets to sample their own creations.

Application results in student's appointment to OSAP board

Since students "have an idea what other students are involved in," they have been appointed to the appeal board for the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), Robert Jones, third year financial management, said.

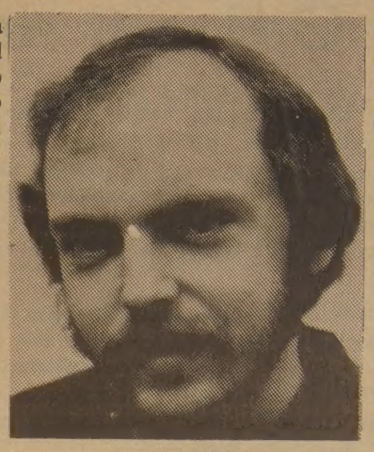
Robert, of Niagara Falls, is one of 14 newly-appointed full-time post-secondary students on the appeal board. The board is chaired by Rev. Egerton Young and consists of 14 student awards officers from Ontario's post-secondary institutions.

Explaining his own appointment to the board, Robert said he previously applied to the college for the Gerencser-Russell scholarship and had to write the student awards officer here listing his academic achievements and extracurricular activities in school.

He said the student awards officer remembered his name when students were being appointed to the board and submitted Robert's name.

CHOSEN RANDOMLY

The students were chosen randomly, Robert said. There is equal representation from Ontario's colleges and universities.



ROBERT JONES

Anglophone and francophone students are included and special interest groups, such as single parents and married students, are also represented.

Four board members, representing the ministry of colleges and universities, which administers the OSAP program, two students and two student awards officers sit during each weekly meeting in Toronto.

Robert's first meeting was Oct. 11 at Queen's Park, following an orientation Oct. 4 to familiarize the students with the OSAP guidelines. He said it works out so each student travels to Toronto for a sitting about once every five weeks.

CONSIDERS APPEALS

The board considers appeals by students, who, because of exceptional circumstances, are unable to meet the full cost of their college or university education.

"The board is studying cases for the 1978-1979 program, most of them involving parental refusal or inability to provide financial support, reconsideration of recorded assets, or student contribution," Dr. Bette Stephenson, minister of colleges and universities said.

Evidence for the appeal is submitted by the student, with recommendations by the college or university student awards officer, and the board decides whether the student will receive a grant and/or loan assistance, Robert said.

At first Robert said he wondered if the appointments were just for "token appearances" by the students, but after his first Toronto meeting, said they did have their say.

The board "is looking to students for help," Robert said.

Disagrees with OHA

By PHYLLIS BARNATT
Staff writer

Fred Habermehl, school of health sciences dean, faulted a recent Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) resolution calling for more bedside training for community college diploma program nursing graduates before full registration, for not recognizing the attendant need for increased classroom theoretical time.

"Niagara offers the top amount of bedside training, equal to or greater than that of other community colleges. Within the allowable limits, our students get more than others," Mr. Habermehl said.

"We have no objection to increasing the clinical if we can institute it hand-in-hand with increased classroom and theoretical."

Mr. Habermehl felt the OHA was acting "without adequate grounds" for their claim. Prior to the nursing programs coming under community college control, the hospitals had administered the training programs.

At the time nursing training became a college responsibility, the College of Nurses recommended reducing course time to two years and establishing a six-month to one-year orientation period for new nurses. The latter recommendation was never instituted, he said.

New Simcoe access road approved by Board

Construction is about to begin on a new access road to the north side of the Simcoe building because of damage to the present service route, Jack Spittle, plant and property manager, said.

The Board of Governors approved a tender of $9,492 from Hard Rock Paving to construct the access road at its meeting Oct. 26 and Mr. Spittle said the only thing keeping back construction is the company itself.

The proposed access road, 250 feet long and 18 feet wide would go from the east side of the college to the doors by the elevator in the Simcoe building. It would be constructed of crushed stone and could be paved at a later date, Mr. Spittle said.

At present, vehicles, including the vending operators, must use the sidewalk linking the Black Walnut building and the Simcoe building, resulting in damage to the sidewalk and surrounding lawns.

Originally a farmhouse

SAC house will be demolished

An old Niagara College landmark will be demolished.

Approval was granted by the Board of Governors Oct. 26 to have the SAC house, former offices of the Student Administrative Council, on Rice Road torn down by Riverside Excavating for $550. Work is scheduled to begin shortly, Jack Spittle, plant and property manager, said.

The SAC House was originally a farmhouse when the college bought the property. It was the SAC office until the offices were moved to ME101. The college information office was located there for almost two years after SAC moved.

Mr. Spittle said an energy conservation group used the house to show people how domestic heating could be improved. The college said the group could use the deserted house on the condition it would get funding from the federal government. But the funding was insufficient to carry on the project.

"Just having the building exist was an expense," Mr. Spittle said. "It was subject to vandalism."

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Students! Get out and vote

It's election day again — that time of profuse political promises, whirlwind campaigning and voter apathy.

It's a sad comment on our democratic system when the candidate who is not the people's favorite manages to win the election because only a small majority of the population votes.

Yet this so-called "silent majority" is often the first to criticize government policies and leadership!

Past response to student elections and poor student turnout at a recent meeting of Welland mayoralty candidates reveal a disturbing inclination towards apathy among Niagara College students.

As college students, we should accept the responsibilities that maturity brings. This includes making sure we are interested, informed citizens who are able to vote intelligently — and do!

If Canadians fail to use their democratic privilege — and yes, it is a privilege — how can the system function effectively?

Let's start a new trend today towards active participation in our country's future by voting.

Cheryl Gard

Existing facility use cheaper

The government has done it again. It is going to spend tax dollars on a project that could be implemented at a much lower cost.

The ministry of colleges and universities will pour $2 million into George Brown College to administer, equip and staff a school for professional chefs and bar staff.

Why don't they give some of that money to Niagara College? We already have the equipment and staff to operate such a school and the facilities at Niagara's hotel school are unused from June to September.

Dr. Bette Stevenson, minister of colleges and universities, has said the institute will not be built unless it is located at George Brown College in Toronto. Why?

With the high cost of living in Toronto, not many will want to afford the move.

The centre in Toronto will cost more to start than it would to use existing facilities at community colleges around Ontario.

The location of the institute will discriminate against people in parts of Ontario not near Toronto. Community colleges are already conveniently located around Ontario.

Community college representatives across Ontario have complained vehemently to the ministry. The expense of the new school seems ludicrous in comparison to the costs that would be incurred if existing facilities were used.

The government strikes another blow against logic and common sense.

Michael Ploner

Centre proposal worth support

Tomorrow is the day of decision. The Student Administrative Council (SAC) will decide whether or not to give the Theatre Centre $12,000 for a much-needed lighting system.

Judging by student reaction at the last SAC meeting, the theatre students will be hard pressed to get passage of their proposal.

But just because a few of the students present at the meeting didn't go for the idea when it was first mentioned, this does not mean that the proposal should be rejected.

There are quite a few arguments as to why the proposal should be passed.

Perhaps the most important reason that it is imperative the centre be given these funds is because of the dire need for the system. Both the college's electrician and the manufacturer's repairman have stated that the system is outmoded and presents a great safety hazard to the students.

Should SAC give these funds to the centre, it will be a preventive measure, as well as improve the quality of lighting at subsequent performances.

SAC is on record as wanting to become more involved in community affairs and passage of this proposal will help to move these relations along. The centre assists many theatres throughout the peninsula, as well as the total colelege population, and this system will stand Niagara in good stead with theatre patrons and theatre groups all around the area.

Undoubtedly, the great majority of students feel this cost should be borne by the college administration but the fact of the matter is that the funds are just not there. In this time of government cutbacks and financial restraint, the province doesn't have $30,000 to give little Niagara College. Why $30,000? Because administration funds are tax money and therefore ineligible for a matching Wintario grant. SAC is being asked for $12,000 which, although a lot of money, is less than half the total cost.

The council should not be afraid that granting this request will bring a deluge of similar requests from other programs. The need is so great, the present system so unsafe, that SAC must grant this request, with the provision that in the future it must practise restraint din giving out like sums of money. There is nothing wrong with making this money hard to get, just make sure they get it.

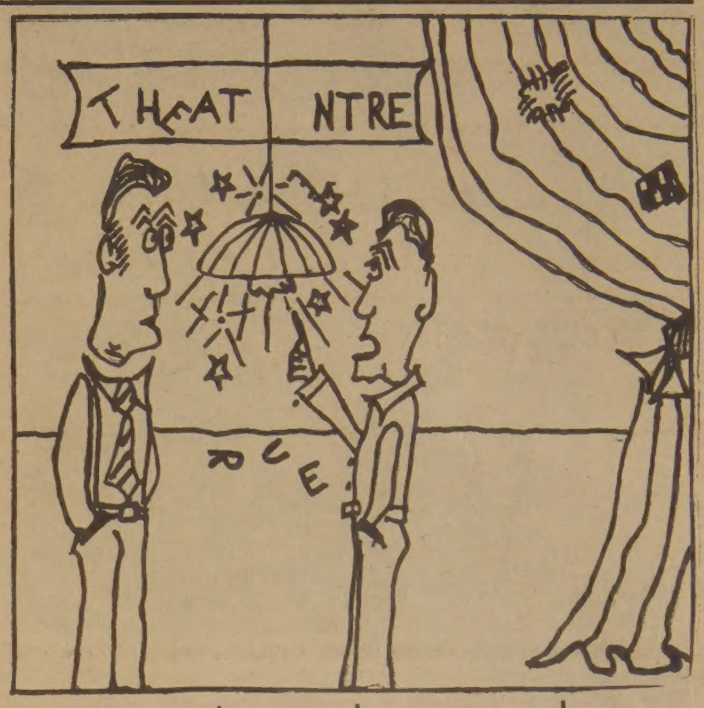
It was suggested at the last SAC meeting that a complete vote of all students, a referendum as such, be taken. This is not feasible because, in the past, the turnout for balloting has been so meagre that it is worth neither the time nor the effort to hold a vote.

SAC has been elected by the students to serve the college population and any demand for a vote on the matter could be taken as a slight to their authority. They must make this decision; it is what they were elected for.

Last, but certainly not least, if this request is granted, it will strengthen ties between satellites and the main campus, ties that have become strained through the years. SAC was elected on a platform of creating stronger bonds between satellites and the main campus and granting this proposal will be a giant step in this direction.

It's up to SAC to help out a number of students in this time of need. The whole college will be better off if they do. Pass this proposal. Please.

Doug Smith



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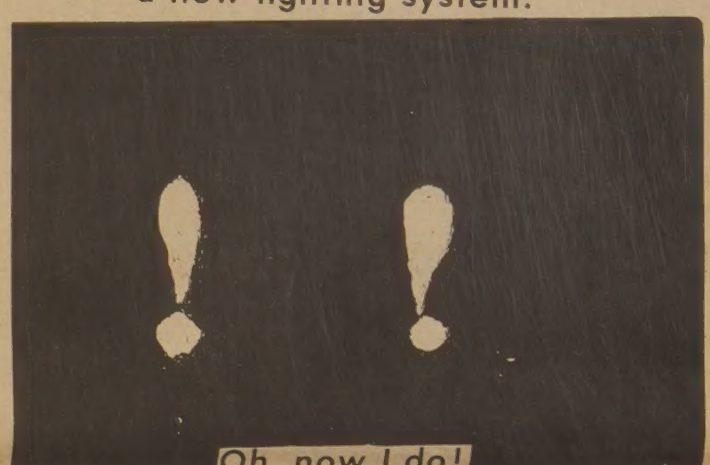

CURSES Why can't something be done about... Left-handed equipment

Dear Curses Editor:

Curses, Curses, Curses! What is a girl to do when you are a left-handed person in a right-handed world or to be more precise a right-handed *college*!! Is there even one left-handed desk? I fear not as I have looked in vain and haven't found one yet. How about it! The Simcoe Building needs more desks — left-handed, that is.

Thanks for letting me gripe.

Sincerely,
Judie Davies
2nd yr. Social Services Program

Niagara News contacted the college's purchasing department.

The following memo was received:

"In determining a requirement of furnishing, full consideration is given by the Using Agency to a suitable configuration based upon functional and aesthetic utility, and the Purchasing Department purchase at lowest ultimate cost in accordance with the specification outlined on the using agency's requisition.

"There is a variety of furniture at the College in terms of right-hand configuration and left-hand configuration...but, in answer to your specific question as to where left-hand tablet arm chairs are currently located — I cannot tell you."

Hilda Belcastro
Senior Buyer

If that reply leaves you a little puzzled, you might have to talk to A.S. Aboud, director of student services. When contacted he said that if there didn't appear to be a ready solution to the problem, "You can send that person over here. I'll discuss it with them."

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Letters / Seminar

Letters to the Editor

Ottawa trip proveseducational

Dear Editor:

I would like to comment about the recent trip to Ottawa. (Nov. 2 to 4)

I saw something strange and disturbing on the return trip. Seeing the sights in Ottawa was educational, and what I saw in Belleville was even more educational to me. It will probably educate a lot of other people if this letter does its job properly.

The bus dropped people off at restaraunts along what was known on the bus as "Heartburn Alley". The people getting off were to get their fill of fast food and meet the bus at McDonald's restaurant. The strange occurrence happened when most of the students had returned to the bus. A car pulled into the parking lot, and in the car was a scruffy-looking, lower-class family. The bus practically tilted to one side as half of the students leaned out the windows to laugh and carve the family to ribbons with remarks that sounded as if the bus had been loaded with Monty Python writers.

I won't bother criticizing the people on the bus because I don't particularly want to lose any teeth and, most importantly, it would be hypocritical of me as I was laughing at the people in the car too. Criticism is not my goal here; I merely want to put into words what was at the back of my mind while I was laughing. Hopefully, for the sake of those who were around me, what I say here was at the back of their minds, too.

The family in the car was a television-produced cliche brought to life. The mother had five or six little kids climbing around her neck and messing the curlers in her hair. The father, wearing a ragged "Cat" baseball cap, sat and deciphered the kids' screams and shouting to make up their orders. Somebody behind me yelled, "Hey! Look at this family over here," and, in one giant leap, half of the students on the bus crowded at the windows to, in a sensed, watch television.

"Let's stare at them and make them paranoid!" said one student.

"Look at their hats, their clothes; they're ready for a night out on the town," someone else bellowed.

To put it mildly, we were watching the family as though they were animals in a zoo. After thinking the whole situtation over though, I'm wondering who the animals in the zoo really were — them, or was it really the students?

As I said, I'm just as guilty as the other students—I'd probably laugh again if I saw a similar family. But, was it really necessary for us to clamber at the windows and laugh and point and stare? Has it reached the point where we can no longer distinguish between television satire and the reality of life? The truth is, people, there really are lower class slobs out there. There are high-class snobs living soap opera lives in our world. And, believe it or not, there are actually millions of middle-class families with two cars, a house in suburbia, a dog named Spot, and everyday problems like drugs, alcohol, trouble at the office and problems at school.

Maybe, with all of that in mind, we will know how to react when we see reality of the TV screen again. Malcolm Muggeridge said cameras create a false image (pictures); I wonder if he meant television, too. They're false images if we don't know how to interpret them and compare them with the reality around us.

Ken Bessey
First-year journalism

Praises men and women of rowing club

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my thanks to all the oarsmen and oarswomen who participated in our rowing program this fall. They participated in seven regattas and brought home six wins—an excellent performance for a first year club.

It has been a rewarding experience to have been associated with such a fine crew of young women and men.

I also wish to thank the Niagara News for its support by giving the club positive and ample coverage. The club is also indebted to South Niagara Rowing Club for making its shells, coach boats and trailer available to us.

With the good beginning this year, I cannot see but a great future for the rowing program at Niagara.

Ivar Noren
Faculty Advisor—Rowing Club

Coverage good

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the good coverage of our Ambulance and Emergency Care, and Health Sciences Prep programs, and the restorative dental clinic. I was impressed by the accuracy of the reporting.

Judging by the speed with which copies are picked up by the students on the third floor, they must certainly be enjoying the newspaper. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Bob Baddeley, Chairman,
Allied Health Programs.

Expresses thanks

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my appreciation to the staff of the Niagara News for the coverage given to the School of Health Sciences in the Oct. 30 edition, and the way they have pursued information from a variety of faculty members. I was particularly pleased with the article, "Restoration dental clinic is seeking holey molars" that so clearly presented the availability of the dental clinic to all college students for diagnosis and restorative dental work.

Fred Habermehl, Dean
School of Health Sciences.

Welcome women back to school

By CHERYL GARD
Staff writer

An "enthusiastic and interested" response greeted the "Welcome Back" seminar on Oct. 28 at Niagara College, Gail Hilyer, chairperson of applied arts continuing education, said.

The seminar, sponsored by women's studies at the college, was designed to encourage women of all ages to return to school.

About 30 women attended the seminar which ran from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Margaret Mingle, liaison officer for the Ontario Career Action Program (OCAP) and a graduate of Niagara College, was the keynote speaker. She talked about her experience as a mature student, juggling homework with housework.

The morning ended with a panel discussion with Bette Ferguson, women's adviser to the President and women's studies co-ordinator, as chairperson. Panelists Sylvia Baago, Mary Lamb and Mary Ellen Patterson discussed various aspects of returning to school.

Ms Baago, who returned to school and graduated from Niagara's two-year journalism course this year after being a homemaker for 17 years, offered first-hand knowledge of the problems involved in returning to school after a lengthy absence. Ms. Baago is now employed part-time by the continuing education division of the school of applied arts.

After lunch information groups were set up to discuss subjects including career options, discovering your aptitudes and interests and basic study skills. The seminar concluded with a symposium during which the participants were asked to evaluate the seminar.

Mrs. Ferguson said there was "a positive feedback from the participants" and many of them indicated interest in additional workshops. As college counsellor she has found many women don't know how to get started or where to look for information, and the seminar served this purpose.

Ms Hilyer said workshops "are something we need to be doing fairly frequently" because they are so useful. She credited Mrs. Ferguson and Ms Baago with originating the idea for the seminar. "We've gone out and talked to groups of women before but this is the first time we've involved graduates — they're the ones who really know where it's at."

A Woman's Day is already being planned for April Ms Hilyer said.

AGE OF MAJORITY CARDS

Get your age of majority card, on Dec. 4, 5 & 6, from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. each day in front of the Tecumseh Centre.

Set up by the Liquor License Board it will only cost you $2.00, and

Bring two of the following items with you:

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DON'T FORGET
the legal age will be 19 in January, 1979.

NIAGARA COLLEGE

Health care program focuses on needs of elderly

By MARGARET BOYD
Staff writer

There has been a turning away from an institutionalized way of looking at the aged to an awareness of their emotional, psychological and social needs in regional homes for the aged and nursing homes, Angela Martin, teacher of the part-time health care aide program, said.

The Niagara College program, taught at nursing homes to working health care aides, emphasizes the need for awareness of the aging process, she said.

Six months experience or 1,000 working hours are needed before an aide can take the program. Each student is given a recommendation by the director of nursing at the home to take the program.

The program is taught at Sunset Haven in Welland, Bestview Lodge and Linhaven in St. Catharines, Oak Park Lodge in Niagara Falls, Maplehurst in Thorold and Albright Manor in Beamsville.

Mrs. Martin said there is good rapport between the college and the homes. Douglas Rapleje, director, senior citizens department, has introduced some "interesting and good things," by bringing attention to the needs of the elderly.

The 15-month program is divided into four units. Each 12-week unit deals with a different aspect of aging. The students gain insight into the care of the aged from taking the course, Mrs. Martin said.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Training in Business and Industry (TIBI) is the financial supporter of the program. One-third of the program's cost is paid by the student, one-third by the agency or employer, and one-third by the ministry of labor, Evelyn Gay, chairman of health sciences and continuing education, said.

At the end of every unit the students write an exam and have a clinical evaluation. Each unit also requires the students to do a project. Mrs. Martin said the textbooks are not difficult and she gives the students lots of handouts for each unit. The nursing staff of the home is involved in the clinical evaluation. At the end of the program the students receive certificates.

ANGELA MARTIN

How to get the elderly to maintain maximum potential, letting them do as much as they can to follow a day-to-day routine and the importance of environment as stimulation are stressed, Mrs. Martin said.

The health care aide must realize the different social changes these people have gone through in their lives. The residents enjoy talking about their experiences and need to be stimulated, she said.

The third unit deals with understanding medical problems the elderly may have such as the effects of a stroke and other medical conditions. Mrs. Martin said people often assume the elderly complain of not feeling well because of their age. Their complaints should be listened to for they are not so different from everyone else.

WASTEPAPER DIAGNOSIS

The fourth unit involves death and dying as it affects the aged. Reality orientation is another part of unit four.

The diagnosis of senility is now being regarded as "a wastepaper diagnosis." Anyone is apt to forget what day it is on occasion, or have time and place disorientation, she said. There are many things that can cause memory loss and confusion. "Lack of hearing may have something to do with it," she said.

Reality orientation brings a resident who is confused back to the present by constant reminders of the date, and where and who the resident is.

How death affects the older patient and the student's own insight and feelings on the subject are studied in the fourth unit too.

Mrs. Martin said the program was fortunate in being able to use the facilities of the nursing homes. Students are taken to the Rehabilitation Centre in St. Catharines for a tour and films are often used in the classroom.

The staff at the Rehab centre becomes involved with making the students very aware of the difficulties residents encounter, who have suffered a stroke. The physiotherapist, speech therapist and social worker conduct in-depth classes in these areas.

Many of the students may be stimulated by the program and go on to further training in a registered nursing assistant or registered nurse course. Mrs. Martin described the program as "flexible."

Mrs. Martin has been teaching the program since it started in 1973. The other staff member is Gladys Waychison.

Manpower offers a 16-week health care aide course at the Greater Niagara General Hospital, Niagara Falls. Muriel Slinn, an instructor, an instructor, said the students receive unemployment benefits or a manpower retraining allowance during the full-time course.

Mrs. Slinn said there is a real need for health care aides and the students get work after they obtain their certificate.

NIAGARA COLLEGE

MEDIA SERVICES

Cable TV Schedule

CHANNEL 10

St. Catharines
Thorold

CHANNEL 12

Welland
Niagara Falls
Port Colborne
Fonthill

Cablecast Times: Thursdays, 6:00 p.m.
Sundays: 11:00 a.m. [repeats]

Coming Up:

Niagara Sports Report
Hosts - John Killip and Ed Zanetti

6:50 p.m. LIVE Niagara Basketball
Play-by-play — Jerry Salfi
Colour commentator — Larry Cote

Nov. 16 Classical European Cuisine #6

(Charlotte Royale)

Nov. 19
Sunday 11 a.m. Classical European Cuisine #7 (repeat)
Niagara Sports Report (repeat)

B. of G. News Briefs

Courses on cable

Construction courses and other Niagara courses could be shown over local cable television if William Burton of the Board of Governors has his way.

At a board meeting Oct. 26, Mr. Burton said if response is good to a gourmet food course broadcast on local cable stations as part of Niagara's media services package, Niagara could "branch out further." He asked if there were a way to measure the amount of feedback from the Niagara-produced course.

"If it were successful, there could be a further branching out," he said. "Seneca College has quite a program."

Mr. Burton said it should be considered because physical teaching facilities can reach a stage in which they are all filled.

Approves machine

The Board of Governors approved the purchase of a machine for the toolmaking course at the School of Retraining, Welland Vale Centre.

The $16,735 electrical discharge machine (EDM) is a necessary part of the 40-week course, Joe Brandy, chairman of the School of Retraining, said. The 15 students in the course would not need the machine until after the new year.

The toolmaking course is being offered at the Welland Vale Centre for the first time and its purpose is to prepare people for a toolmaking apprenticeship, Mr. Brandy said.

Praise from president

Niagara's involvement in the community "can stack up to the best of Ontario's colleges," Jacqueline Robarts, college president, told the Board of Governors Oct. 26.

Presenting her report on school activities, Miss Robarts said her report did not have enough space for all the college activities; she said she was "really pleased with the community effort" of the college.

"I think it's commendable so many of our staff and students are involved," she said.

Fiona Nelson says politics needs women

By PHYLLIS BARNATT
Staff writer

Candlelight and quiet conversation may not seem a likely setting for launching a political crusade, but Fiona Nelson, guest speaker for the St. Catharines ad hoc Coalition for Women in politics did just that at a fund-raising dinner held Monday, Oct. 23, in Brock University's Pond Inlet.

Ms Nelson presented her views on how women could be more effective politically both as informed voters and as elected officials. A former chairperson of the Toronto Board of Education and member of the Toronto Planning Board, she is seeking re-election as education board trustee in Toronto.

Despite the sponsorship and sole purpose of the evening — to help elect more women politicians — Ms Nelson felt "women in politics should never even be an issue." The fact such activity had to be undertaken indicated to her "women are a minority group — although it's funny when you consider we're in the majority numerically."

Women's role in politics, Ms Nelson felt, was to"bring the principles to politics."

CAN SPOT FLIM FLAM

Men's early training to focus on technology has led to the mess we're in now."

"One does not need a degree in engineering to tell that something is inappropriate. You can spot flim flam as well as anyone. You probably all know where to look since you've fudged on your own budget occasionally."

The contrasting opinion on government spending priorities brought the loudest applause from the audience. She charged that government political and bureaucratic spending of public funds on nuclear energy development rather than helping social services expand was "dangerous, terribly expensive and detrimental. There is no reason to cut education money for children."

Ms Nelson stated women were needed to bring co-operation to government, to bring intuition to situations to increase flexibility. Men had too narrow a view on affairs reducing everything to technical analysis. Women were needed to bring common sense to outrageous schemes.

Expressing the fear time was short and crucial, she asserted women had to be "exemplary. . . principled and incorruptible."You must carry in human values and overcome the technological toy people."

Funds raised by the $15-a-plate dinner are to be used to help women candidates in the region campaign in the upcoming elections.

DON'T FEEL LEFT OUT
The LEFT HANDED SHOPPE

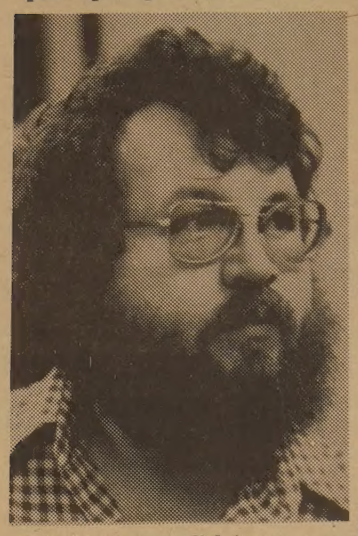
Just arrived, pens, tennis gloves, scissors, books on knitting, writing, needlepoint, guitar playing etc. Corkscrews, peelers and anything concerning lefties.

239 Burgar St., Welland
Orders being taken for Christmas. 732-4190

ROVING REPORTER

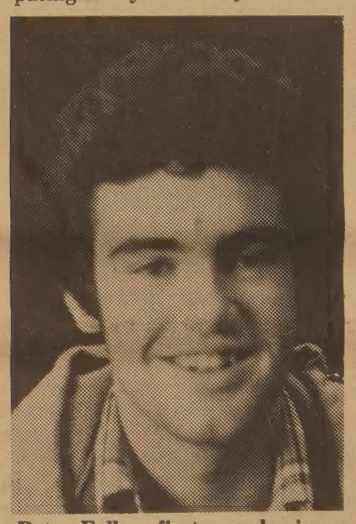
By JUDY SUGA
and
MARY KOZIELLO

Do you have a vote in the Nov. 13 municipal elections? Are you going to vote? Will you be participating in any other way?



Craig McKay, english instructor, St. Catharines: Yes, I want to have a say in view of the government. I'm distributing hand bills for a particular candidate.

Jim Patterson, management course in Stelco, Welland: I have a vote but I don't know who I'm voting for. No I'm not participating in any other way.



Peter Fallon, first year business administration, Niagara Falls: Yes I will vote because I feel if everyone goes out and votes we're going to have a better government because everyone's ideas will be taken into account. No, I won't be participating.

George Giovinazzo, first year mechanical drafting, Welland: Yes, I have a vote. I am not going to vote. I don't feel like it. I don't care who wins. I won't participate.

Sandy Young, third year interior design, Welland: It's debatable if I'll vote or not. I'd vote if I knew who was running and for what reason. No I'm not participating in any other way.

Peter Gabany, first year audio-visual, Welland: No I won't be voting because I don't want to be responsible for anyone else's mistakes. I never have voted. I won't participate.

Laurie Heil, academic upgrading, Port Colborne: I don't know anything about it. I'm not going to vote.

John Balenovich, first year business, Welland: Yes I am going to vote. I think individual votes are important and I think everybody should go out and support their own party.

Sharon Nixon, 2nd year general business, St. Catharines: Yes, I do have a vote. I have no idea of who to vote for. No, I won't participate in any other way.

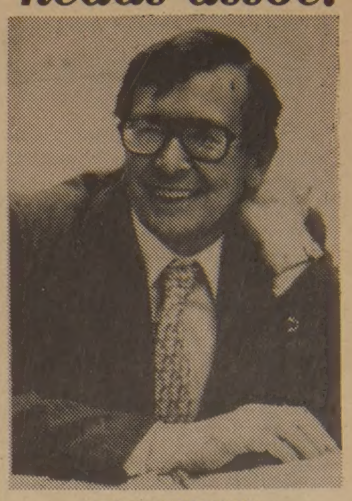
Taz Blackadder, first year business, Welland: Yes, I will vote. It's important to have the right people in our own municipal district to represent the people.

Serge Borghesi, first year mechanical engineering technology, Welland: I will vote. I think the percentage of people voting is much too small. I think if everybody votes we'll have better government.

Cheryl Reamen, second year general business accounting, Sherkston: Yes, I am going to vote because it's my first time. No, I will not be participating in any other way.

Nancy Benner, first year general business, Port Colborne: Yes, it's my first time. I will not be involved in any other way.

Librarian heads assoc.



STEPHEN KEES

Stephen Kees, Niagara College librarian, is the first Canadian to be elected chairman of the Special Libraries Association, a group representing librarians in companies, governments and education institutions.

The appointment brings the college into contact with a large number of libraries across Canada and the United States, giving it a broader ranger of information, Mr. Kees said.

Mr. Kees's one-year appointment came at the annual meeting in Kansas City in June, 1978, where he was also elected chairman of the science and technology division by the nominating committee.

The next annual meeting will be held in Hawaii in June, 1979. and Mr. Kees is responsible for organizing programs for the various divisions.

The major program at the conference will deal with Japanese books and periodicals in science and technological fields. A number of special librarians from Japan and the International Federation of Library Associations will attend, he said.

Boy scouts learn ham radio

By RON HOLLA
Staff writer

"CQJOTA...this is Victor Echo Three November Charlie Tango, VE3NTC calling CQJOTA and standing by."

They were huddled around the radio, eyes intent on the operator turning the dial and ears fixed on the sound of static and the occasional voice. The operator always gave the same call, searching for contact. And every so often a reply came.

"Victor Echo Three November Charlie Tango, this is Victor Ocean One Hotel Lima Portable One, JOTA station calling and by."

In this case, Niagara's Amateur Radio Club had just made contact with a Jamboree-on-the-Air station in Corner Brook, Nfld. The Boy Scouts huddled around the radio could now speak with their counterparts in Corner Brook.

This was one of many contacts Welland area Boy Scouts made during the Jamboree-on-the-Air Saturday afternoon, Oct. 21, through the help of the Amateur Radio Club. The Jamboree, an annual world-wide event, brings together Scouts all over the world by radio and the Radio Club volunteered to give local boys a chance to participate.

TAKE PART

About 20 boys from the 5th, 2nd and 12th Welland Scout troups participated and they contacted places as far away as Tanzania; Yugoslavia; Pretoria, South Africa; Belfast, North Ireland; Woverhampton, England; and East Africa. They also contacted stations in New Brunswick and Quebec in addition to Corner Brook.

Along with speaking over the radio, the boys also received a tour of the Radio Club's facilities in Room 17. Club member John Wiltshire, who operated the radio linking the Boy Scouts with their international counterparts, said it would give the boys a first glimpse of amateur radio.

"I was introduced to ham radio by a World Jamboree," he said. "It's a wonderful public relations job for amateur radio."

Bill Nutbrown, area director for Welland Scouting, said he approached the Radio Club when he received a brochure about the Jamboree.

"I heard there was a station in the area," he said.

In describing the day, John said the Scouts and their leaders were "whole-heartedly delighted."

"It was the Scouts' day, not mine," he added.

Registration open now for
AIRS TRAINING
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Specialized in Alcohol Education for "ordinary" drinkers.
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Register now, six sections and a limit of eight.

Contact— Mr. Bruce Tallon, Student Services, Ext. 214

NIAGARA COLLEGE

Keeping a dry roof overhead gives students summer job

Three technology students became businessmen during the summer through the Venture Capital program.

Ray Jaspar, Greg Ostryhon and Richard Lutka, all third-year electrical power engineering students, formed their own roofing business, Professional Roofing.

The three used Ray's house as their headquarters. Greg said Ray handled money matters and office work.

In their roofing business free estimates were given. Greg said that the response was so good that newspaper advertising was not essential.

They advertised in the Tribune for only one month and landed three jobs from teachers.

On the job, rain and hot temperatures made the worst working conditions.

Greg said they worked everyday including weekends, taking only a small vacation.

"The only thing we particularly didn't like was sometimes we had to work until midnight to finish a job," Greg added.

They worked from May to August and even now do work on weekends.

They bought a pickup truck and hired a student to clean up messes after roofing jobs.

Their Venture Capital project was part of the Experience '78 package of the Ontario Youth Secretariat.

These three men, all third-year electrical power engineering students, formed their own roofing business last summer. The business, a Venture Capital project, was part of the Experience '78 program which provides summer employment for students. Standing left to right are Richard Lutka, Ray Jaspar, and Greg Ostryhon.
(Photo by Koziello)

The projects are sponsored by the Ontario ministry of colleges and universities in co-operation with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and the Royal Bank of Canada.

Under the program, Ray, Greg and Richard were able to apply for an interest-free government loan of $1,000 as a means of getting their business off the ground.

Further information about the Venture Capital program may be obtained from Mary Francis Hewitt, public relations officer, at 865-2913.

Halliday's book takes flight

Hugh Halliday, former political science instructor at Niagara College, is the author of a book to be released in December about leading Canadian fighter pilots of the Second World War.

Mr. Halliday, curator of the War Museum in Ottawa, wrote the 350-page book that has biographies of leading pilots, appendices listing all Canadian aces and their scores, and 28 photo pages.

Cole to lead class down the right road

By JOE WALLACE
Staff writer

Law and security students can expect to get some expert instruction when John Cole takes to the classroom.

Constable Cole, head of the 32-man auxilliary unit at the Welland detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), teaches law and security students the Highway Traffic Act, with emphasis on motor vehicle investigations and other related provincial acts once a week.

Bruce Milligan, law and security program co-ordinator, invited Mr. Cole to teach within the program after he recognized him as being one of the more senior OPP traffic officers in the district. Mr. Milligan asked the constable to "pass along his expertise" in the field.

Mr. Cole said this is the first year he has taught students in the program, adding it is the first time he has ever taught "persons other than police officers."

Mr. Cole said he realized he's starting with students, and has to explain things a little more than he normally would, because the students do not know the full extent of the subject he teaches.

"I find it very interesting and a real challenge," he said.

Mr. Milligan said it is common practice for him to get instructors who are experts in their field on a part-time basis because it is a valuable training vehicle for his students. When there are no experts available, he teaches the students himself.

JOHN COLE

When he's not at the college, Mr. Cole is running his unit, which can assist the regular force during an emergency.

Mr. Cole is particularly proud of his auxiliary unit. He said of 17 units in the province, his was just awarded the Parmenter Trophy for being the most proficient.

Mr. Cole has been a policeman for 14 years, three with the London, England, Force, and the last 11 with the OPP.

Mr. Cole is married and has two children, a daughter, Laurie, 16, and a son, David,6. He, his wife, Dana, and family live in Thorold.

SAC NOTES:

Hey Girls,
How would you like to become Miss Niagara for the year?
Nominations are being accepted now in the SAC office

CHRISTMAS FORMAL
Sat. Dec. 9
Held at the "COVE" in Longbeach
Advanced tickets will go on sale in the SAC office soon.
$6.00 per person

Pub nite with Cooper brothers
Wed. Nov. 22
8:00—12:00
students $1.00 guests$1.50

Ski Club Trip to
MONT. STE. ANNE
Dec. 27— Jan. 1
For further info. please inquire in S·A·C· office or call Leo at 227-0700

General Meeting
Nov. 14 in L 3
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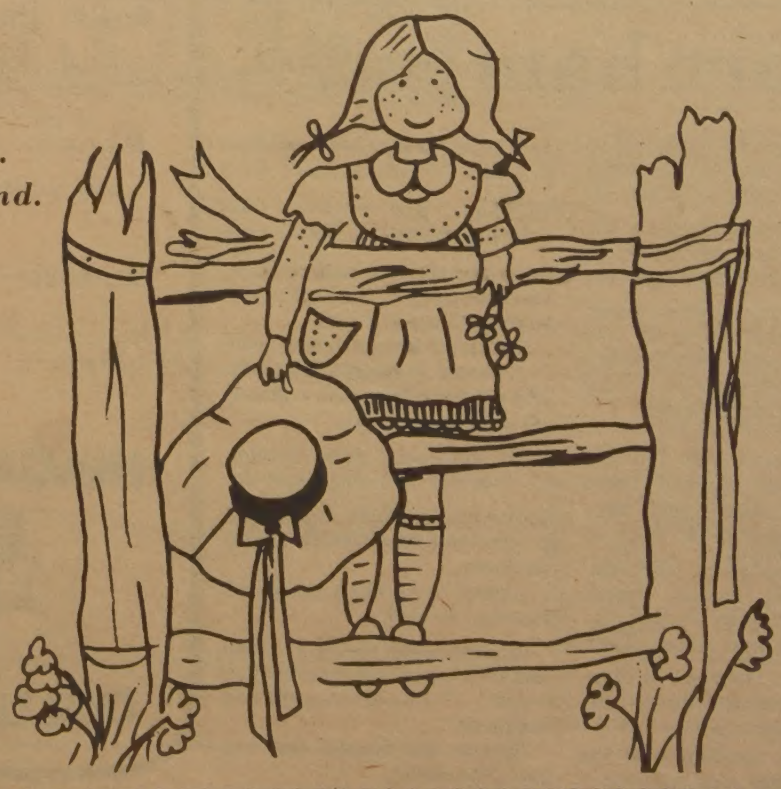

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ENTERTAINMENT

Theatre / Concert

Patrick Lee, [right] assists Don Archer, second year radio and television, in the filming. (Photo by Ventresca)

CRNC filmed by RTV

Two mediums combined their efforts in CRFNC Your Student Radio, a film produced by second year radio and television students about Niagara College's radio station.

The 16mm black and white film was the first produced in a series of six as part of the film production course and will be available to students and the community.

"We want people to become aware of the radio station and what it's all about," Patrick Lee, film instructor, said. "Only a limited number of people can see the studio."

It's a straightforward promotional film and a practical exercise for the students, Mr. Lee said.

Six hundred feet of film were used to show the radio studios, news department and on-air work.

Chris Lees, second year radio and television, directed the five-minute film which took several hours to produce.

Films are processed in Toronto and return to the college to be edited. This one will be available for viewing in December.

Mr. Lee is a free lance film editor from Toronto replacing Allan Cullimore for the fall term. He taught night classes in film at the Toronto Film Makers Co-op for three years and plans to return to Toronto at the end of the term.

Mime company leaves Brock audience speechless

By JUDY SUGA
Staff writer

Theatre Beyond Words is so good, it leaves a person speechless.

The mime company, appearing Oct. 28 at Brock University's Thistle Theatre, was given a standing ovation and thunderous applause by an audience that laughed and whooped through the entire performance.

In the first half of the show a series of vignettes vied with each other for originality and hilarity. The two female and three male actors displayed their ingenuity in the Overture by manipulating a length of cord into a wide variety of situations, including, the funniest of all, a professor who uses his hands to represent musical notes on the musical staff formed by the cord.

Pilot's Tale, the only sketch with speech, is about a Russian spy who has to crash land his plane in a strange country he only realizes at the end is "America," and who tries to tell with gestures what has happened. Performer Harro Maskow shivers and shows himself drink ing vodka to identify himself as a Russian, and the sounds and movements he uses as he describes his "machineska" running out of gas and falling are comical beyond explanation.

The only prop in the vignette is an ugly pilot's helmet, and there was a minimum of props in most of the other sketches also, the performers bringing to life in the minds of the audience the things needed.

NIAGARA GRADUATE

Bus Stop is about, the program says, "five eccentric strangers" waiting in a bus terminal, with a conclusion that surprises them and the audience. Paulett Hallich, a graduate of Niagara College's theatre program, plays a prudish, lemon-faced woman in cat's eye glasses who tries to keep away from a foreigner, played by Terry Judd, who is only trying to be helpful by lighting her cigarette, but who she thinks has designs on her.

Next to enter are a hip woman in blue jeans who pops pills every half-minute, played by Robin Patterson, and mid-Western hick in a plaid hunting shirt and a daffy duck T-shirt, played by Larry Levebvre. He laughs to himself and convinces everyone to don red clown noses to defy a leather-jacketed, Playboy-reading ruffian played by Mr. Maskow.

Then comes the surprise — the ruffian and hick walk away, howling with laughter, because they tricked the others into wearing the ridiculous noses.

The Guru, in which Mr. Lefebvre was seated like a buddha, seemed to sprout numerous arms to help him with his task, but he was soon replaced by Ms Hallich because of his ineptitude in handling a calculator, cigar, telephone, pen, notepad and phone book at the same time.

Other sketches included Golfers, with Mr. Maskow showing various persons would hit a golf ball, and Perspectives, about two couples playing the courting game, a cold Ms Hallich scorning an interested Mr. Lefebvre, and determined Ms Patterson pursuing a reluctant Mr. Judd. The end suggests the "colds" and "hots" will get together.

The second half of the show was devoted entirely to the Potato People, an innovative mask mime in cartoon style, with the actors in potato-shaped Swiss carnival masks. Bud the Dog, Mr. Lefebvre, was always trying to retrieve a bone from the Potato Family's garbage can, once trying to escape detection by crawling behind an inadequate branch. Mama Potato, Mr. Maksow, is the matriarch who is determined, but unsuccessful, to keep her yard and family in order.

Papa Potato "quietly goes about his favorite occupation: relaxing," as the program says, either playing chess or reading his newspaper. Mr. Judd was good as the man who just wanted to be left alone.

Their daughter, Nancy Potato, was played most convincingly by Ms Hallich, who manages to get from one place to another in the curious half-stumble, half-run of little children. She is always getting into trouble because of her curiosity.

Iodine Pearblossom, Nancy's slightly-older neighbor, is portrayed well by Ms Patterson as a minx who instigates Nancy's actions and resulting troubles, but who never gets caught herself. It is only at the end, when Iodine is stuck on top of a swing set and displaying her bloomers in a most unlady-like manner, that Nancy is vindicated.

Iodine's father, played well by Mr. Lefebvre, is a mustachioed martinet who must have army-like discipline and quiet when playing chess with Papa Potato, but who loses all control when disturbed by his daughter's overly-loud radio rendition of "Crocodile Rock."

The production, known as visual theatre, was accompanied by music and occasional sound effects.

On campus theatre arts Niagara's asset: Giancarlo

Moving the theatre arts program to main campus would be a great benefit to the program and students in other programs, I.J. Giancarlo, dean of applied arts, said.

This is one of many alternatives a theatre arts feasibility study would explore, he said. The college is seeking funding from the ministry of colleges and universities for such a study.

"To try and get the program on campus would be a great benefit to the theatre students," he said. "The students are isolated and they don't have use of library or cafeteria facilities. It is difficult for them to participate in extra-curricular activity."

Other college students would also benefit because they would have greater exposure to theatre.

"Even though we advertise, we don't get as many students coming to our productions as we would like," he said.

While the feasibility study would explore other locations including facilities at Brock, Mr. Giancarlo said this would be less desirable.

The college is seeking funds for the study because the present facilities are old and in constant need of repairs, Mr. Giancarlo said.

Sky Jam T-shirts, tickets in SAC office for benefit concert at Skylon, Dec. 3

By EDDI VENTRESCA
Staff writer

Tickets and T-shirts for the Sky Jam concert Dec. 3 are on sale in the Student Administrative Council (SAC) office with proceeds going to Help a Child's Heart Beat, a campaign raising money for a heart machine for the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children.

Tickets are $6 and $7 at the door, and T-shirts are $5. Liverpool and Ruckus from Toronto, Chelsea Hotel from Fort Erie, the Road from Buffalo and mentalist Mike Mandel will perform at the Skylon Tower, Niagara Falls at 2 p.m.

Students can use a photo-copy machine in the SAC office for five cents and the money will go to the campaign.

A group of Fort Erie citizens committed themselves in August to raising $40,000 publicly, part of the cost of the three dimensional echocardiogram machine.

The $125,000 machine allows the entire heart to be viewed and monitors a patient's condition before and after open-heart surgery. An ultrasonograph outlines the various structures within the heart.

BOY HAD SURGERY

The campaign started following an investigation into the facilities and needs of Sick Children's Hospital by Wendy Walpole, a Fort Erie mother whose three-year-old son, Scott, underwent open-heart surgery Oct. 25.

Scott is in stable condition and it is not known when he will be released, a hospital spokesman said. Scott, suffering from multiple congenital heart defects, would not have lived more than six months before his heart gave out without the surgery.

The Hospital is putting up $85,000 if the committee can raise the rest and the equipment was ordered based on the promise to have the money by March 1979.

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Fashion arts students win canal logo contest

Two fashion arts students won awards in the Welland Canal's Preservation Association Logo Contest. Pictured left to right are Dr. Robert Taylor, of the department of history at Brock University, presenting the first prize to second year student Verna O'Toole, and Lora Twaddle receiving a special award from Denise Taylor, president of the association. The presentation took place Wednesday, Nov. 1. The competition was offered to provide the association with a logo and to encourage the creative efforts of design students at Niagara. Miss O'Toole and Miss Twaddle were winners from more than a dozen entries.

(Photo by Wallace)

Women's festival features achievements in the arts

By EDDI VENTRESCA
Staff writer

He who said "A woman's place is in the home" would have hidden his head in shame at the Festival of Women in the Arts at Centennial College, Nov. 4.

The bilingual festival at Progress Campus, Scarborough, focused on women and their achievements in the arts. Poetry, art exhibits, discussions, films, photo galleries, music and mime were featured for the second time at the college in as many years. Ten Niagara College staff members and students attended.

Beverly Glenn-Copeland, a pianist and singer, pleased an audience of more than 100 with songs she says she writes "out of necessity because I don't know how to do anything else."

The audience joined in as she sang of the struggles and accomplishments of women.

"It's not the hill we climb, it's the practice of climbing," she says in one of her songs.

Most of her songs are about people who had some inlfuence on her life. Caring Heart is about a woman who was an example of "mercy and compassion," and played a big part in her Buddhist practices. Dreamers was written for a close friend who died five years ago.

SCULPTURE EXHIBIT

The art gallery exhibited work by internationally famous artists.

Madeleine McDowell, a sculptor from Toronto, ahd two piece of sculpture on display that were part of a series based on the eclipses of the sun.

She says her work is based on "solar and astronomical phenomenon." Her sculptures are sexual, she said, because the shapes in the universe are the same as those in our bodies.

Ms McDowell has been sculpting for 14 years and was a full-time lecturer in photo arts at Ryerson.

"I" like to mix media and space is as important as the thing."

The two items on display were made of wood and bronze. She says she starts with a series of prints on plates and incorporates them on the sculpture. Her work is intellectual and not everybody understands the theme immediately, she said.

Abstract jewelry and statues of bronze and steel were displayed by their creator, Maryon Kantaroff. The 45-year-old Toronto sculptor has had exhibitions in Toronto, Montreal, London, Munich, Milan and Scotland.

Her exhibitions for International Women's Year in 1975 included Woman as Viewer, Winnepeg Art Gallery; Tribute to Women, Shaw Rimmington Gallery, Toronto; Festival of Women in the Arts, Harbourfront Art Gallery, Toronto and Women Artists for Unicef, Gallerie Scollard, Toronto.

Ms Kantaroff uses various media such as bronze fiberglass, concrete, steel and resin and was the resident sculptor at Seneca College, Toronto.

QUILTING BUSINESS

A male-dominated business world is slowly becoming obsolete and Quilters Common Incorporated is one reason why.

The business started as a community craft company that produced high quality handmade placemats, napkins, oven mitts, tea cosies, quilts, and aprons.

In January, 1977, two women received a Local Initiatives Program (LIP) grant from the federal government to set up a business and prove its feasibility.

Last January, the business got a one-year Local Employment Assistance Program (LEAP) grant enabling them to employ skilled workers.

The company, comprising 11 women between the ages of 22 and 50, manufactures and sells their products at wholesale to 150 stores and specialty shops. They also do custom work.

"We started with seven stores at the beginning of the year," Faye Slipp, general manager and president of the board of directors, said.

Ms slipp said the board of directors has to go before a review board to get refunding for the next year. The company has doubled their projections from last year, she said.

If the business does not show a profit, the government can withdraw future funds.

WOMEN DON'T NEED MEN

"A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle," was written on T-shirts sold at the Toronto Women's Bookstore display.

Employee Joy Wilson said the store is a cultural focus for women in the city. It sells books on female health and sexuality to help women understand their bodies. The Canadian studies section has books of women in history and their biographies.

The bookstore sells non-sexist children's books selected and written so they do not contain sexist material and stereotypes, Mrs. Wilson said. The books promote a healthy self-image and are designed to help the child become a whole person.

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Walk across Canada

Four schools accept health school challenge

The Peripatetic Pedagogues' Plod, a cross-Canada walk to raise money for the Celebrate Canada Festival, gets underway this Wednesday, Nov. 15. The staff of the schools of applied arts, business, and technology, and of student services have accepted the challenge of the school of health sciences, Barbara Fonfara, secretary to Fred Habermehl, dean of health sciences, said.

The 4,042-mile distance is to be walked, jogged, bicycled (two miles bicycled count as one mile) or cross-country skied by staff members, Mrs. Fonfara said. There are about 15 team members in each of the participating schools so far.

Teachers may not be too keen to get involved, and this is where students come in. Students are to participate as sponsors. They may pledge whatever amount they choose; proceeds will go to the Celebrate Canada Festival in February.

A map which the Educational Resource Technician (ERT) students are making is to be posted in the cafeteria on Wednesday. Entries on the map, charting each team's progress, will be posted every Monday. The first entry will be made a week from today.

The first school to complete the walk and the person with the highest number of miles walked will be awarded mystery prizes during the festival.

Mrs. Fonfara said each participating staff member should measure off a course suitable for a daily walk. The 4,042 miles will be divided among each school's participants. The plodders have three months to complete the distance.

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Ask Ann

This issue of the Niagara News marks the debut of the world renowned columnist Ann Slanders. Ann is recognized as an expert in many fields, especially in giving sound advice. She has helped solve problems, big and small. With contacts among top flight professionals, she can easily get opinions from doctors, lawyers and religious leaders. She knows where to turn if she doesn't have a solution to your dilemma.

We hope you will enjoy reading Ann Slanders in the weeks ahead. Ann enjoys helping others and who knows, maybe her intelligent and snappy answers will be beneficial to you, too. Please send in your problems because she will be delighted to help you out.

I have a terrible problem. I have a case of the "hots" for this fellow who goes to this college. I've tried everything to meet him. I've bumped head on into him, I've walked into his class and sat beside him trying to get his attention, but I felt funny because he is in an all male class. Do you have any suggestions how I can meet him?

Signed N.A.

Dear N.A.
Get a Student Directory, so you can call him up, and pretend you are a Filter Queen representative. Offer him a free demonstration with the chance of winning a valuable prize, — and you're the prize, honey.

Dear Ann:
On my way to class, I was crossing the road when my foot was run over. I find myself stranded in bed with nothing to do. How can I pass the time away?

Signed Bed Ridden

Dear Bed Ridden:
Buy a Student Directory so you can make obscene phone calls to people you hate.

Dear Ann Slanders:
My problem is growing more intense as the years go on. You see my wife is frigid. Immediately after our honeymoon it started. But the worst of it is, she thinks she's aggressive. What do you recommend?

Signed Freezing Cold.

Dear Freezing Cold:
I would recommend having her read a Niagara College Student Directory while eating peanut butter and sunflower seeds. If this doesn't increase her polarity, use the directory and call someone else.

Dear Ann Slanders:
I am 25 years old and have quite a problem. All my friends look really tough because they are hairy. I've only got three whiskers on my whole face. On Friday and Saturday nights I stay home and shave. I don't want to go out with them because I feel like a kid. What can I do?

Signed Baby Face

Dear Baby Face:
I think you should do these three things.
1. Be proud of your three whiskers
2. Get some face tonic
3. Buy a Student Directory.

1st male ECE teacher wants to aid children

By PAM RIGHTON
Staff writer

Charles Hill likes his office in Brant Annex, even if the wallpaper is yellow elephants and pink kittens with red spots. He likes Niagara College, too, because it's "people-oriented" and not as impersonal as a college in a large city can be.

Charles, 29, is the first male instructor to teach early childhood education courses at Niagara College. Replacing Allison Soave until January, he commutes daily from Toronto, where he is working on his M.A. PhD in school psychology. He holds his M.Ed from the State University of New York at Buffalo in early childhood education.

Born in Indiana, he entered the field of child psychology for "purely selfish reasons." "I wanted to find out about myself," he said.

At 19, he worked on the children's ward of an Indianapolis mental hospital. "I was surrounded by psychiatrists and psychologists who were helping emotionally disturbed children, and I wanted to do the same. Education was necessary."

'QUITE AN EXPERIENCE'

He worked for a year in the Browndale Institute for emotionally disturbed children as a house parent. Responsible for six children and on call 24 hours a day was "quite an experience," he said.

CHARLES HILL

School phobia is the topic of his thesis for his master's degree. Early attachment to the mother, deprivation and separation all contribute to a child's fear of school, he said. The preschoolers who attend the day care centre at the college will have a distinct advantage over those who "walk into kindergarten cold," he said.

Charles will be teaching science methods, theories of play and pre-school education to students of the early childhood education program.

An amateur photographer, he plays squash and the clarinet, likes to cook, attends symphonies and drinks red wine "to clear his lungs."

Trudeau talks to students, trip to Ottawa successful

By AMY THIBAULT
Staff reporter

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau told Niagara College students the Niagara region is beautiful and they are fortunate to attend school here. He spoke to the students in a fleeting, unscheduled meeting after question period in the House of Commons during the annual trip to Ottawa Nov. 2 to 4.

Highlights of the trip included visits to the House of Commons, the Parliament buildings and the office of Eugene Whelan, federal agriculture minister.

In the House, about 46 students heard a discussion in which health and welfare minister Monique Begin said no scientific evidence had been found to prove peanuts may cause cancer, and no warnings will be placed on packages.

Mr. Whelan introduced two members of the National Wheat Board from Alberta to the students at a meeting in his office. The meeting was not scheduled, but was arranged for as a replacement for past prime minister John Diefenbaker's interview, which was cancelled.

The group was welcomed to Ottawa at the West Block Parliament Building on Thursday by William Andres (MP-Lincoln) and Roger Young (MP-Niagara Falls). They invited the group to eat dinner in the parliament's cafeteria, after which Mr. Young conducted a behind-the-scenes tour of the parliament buildings and explained a member of parliament's duties.

Dr. Victor Rialton, MP for Welland, meets the people. (Photo by Thibault)

The students had free time on Friday and Saturday for independent touring. Among the places they visited were the National Art Gallery, the War Museum, the Royal Canadian Mint and the Sparks Street Mall.

Night life activities were enjoyed by all. A party in Eugene Maltais' hotel room was successful, despite the absence of a member of parliament who was supposed to talk with the students. The group was also invited to "le Salon Bleu," a pub at the University of Ottawa, and the parties continued at the hotel.

Study skills seminars end

The fall study skills seminars have concluded for this year.

Beatrice Ferguson, counselling assistant, expressed "mixed feelings" about the outcome of the sessions. "The students picked exactly what they wanted and maybe missed something."

The total attendance for all five sessions was only 19 or 20 students but Mrs. Ferguson said there was a "really good turn-out" for the extra seminar on "test wiseness."

Mrs. Ferguson said the attendance figures will help them choose what to offer for the summer pre-orientation workshops next year.

Larouche believes 'Women have it better than ever'

By MARY KOZIELLO
Staff writer

Today's woman is more knowledgeable, more interested in what is going on and has better than ever before opportunities, Jeanne Larouche, instructor of Women's Role in Canadian Society, says.

In January, Mme Larouche will have completed her third year in teaching this elective at Niagara. She also teaches Women's Role in French off the campus.

Previously employed as the only woman on staff at radio stations in Lake St. Jean, Timmins, Shawinigan Falls and Trois Rivieres, Mme. Larouche conducted female-oriented programs with interviews of artists and other news of interests.

Before coming to Niagara College, she was public relations consultant for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

"If a woman is doing exactly the same work as a man, she should be paid the same, she said in an interview. "If she has the same qualifications, she should have the same opportunities for the job."

Asked if men have lost respect for women because of the women's liberation movement, Mme. Larouche said that generally they had not.

At times it is the woman's fault if men seem to have lost respect, as some do not want men to do things such as opening doors for them. Mme. Larouche continued with, "If you're respectable, you're respected."

She stated that all females want to be considered as women first, but legally they are aiming at being considered people.

JEANNE LAROUCHE

NOT JUST WORKING WOMEN

"A lot of people are under the impression that only working women are fighting for rights."

"I feel that anyone who wants to be a housewife should be allowed to without feeling she's not as important as the working woman. It's 1978 and women have the chance to choose and not be chastised."

For too long now women have not been taken seriously, especially in jobs requiring concentration, she said.

She sees nothing wrong with the woman being the breadwinner. If the couple agrees, no one should criticizize them as is is a private matter.

On the subject of intimidation, Mme. Larouche stated that men have *always* been afraid of women. This unconscious fear may stem from fearing women might be superior to them.

She said her underlying reason for teaching Women's Role is that she loves being with young people, hopes to make women aware of what is happening around them and wants to show that discrimination is not only against women.

The enrolment for her class has expanded from 12 in the first year to 30 this year. The most males she has ever had in her class were four.

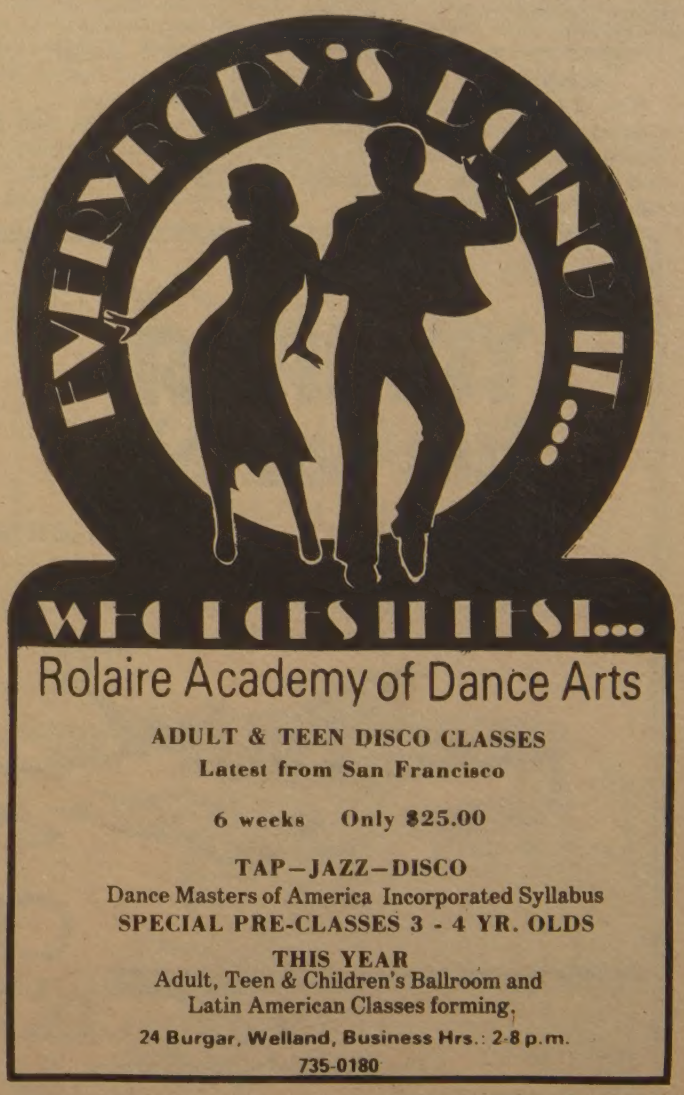
After Christmas, Mme. Larouche will be teaching two classes of Women's Role.

Students help, kids have fun in falls city

Orderlies and nurses aide students of Niagara College helped a group of handicapped children from across Ontario and the United States have a ball one day last month.

The day included visits to the Skylon Tower, Tussaud's Wax museum, Ripley's Believe It or Not museum, the Cars of the Great museum and the Criminal Hall of Fame, all tourist attractions in Niagara Falls.

Sponsored by the Niagara Falls Jaycees, the program brings about 3,000 handicapped children to the falls city every October for a day of funfilled activities.



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SPORTS

Women rowers win, are best in Canada

The women's coxed four showed they are the best in Canada by finishing first in the 1978 Canadian universities rowing championships on the Henley Course in St. Catharines.

The regatta, officially titled the OUAA-OWIAA Rowing Championships, attracted entries from 11 schools as distant as Thunder Bay (Lakehead University).

The women rebounded after their loss the week before and beat the University of Western Ontario to take the title. Crew members were Erica Buller, Barb Cort, Julie Draeger, stroke Nancy Gill and cox Michele Tetrault.

This was the final meet of the season for the rowing club. Ivar Noren, organizer of the club, said they competed in a "friendly meet" with Canisius College the following day.

"We competed against them in men's varsity and novice fours, and lost by only one-quarter of a boat length each time.

However, the men's coxed four were not as fortunate as they finished third behind Brock and Queen's in their event. The crew was coxed by Tony Napolitano.

Western was the overall regatta winner, narrowly outpointing Trent University and the University of Toronto.

Rowing season ends after great success

Niagara's rowing club, fresh from spectacular successes in their initial season, is already thinking about the future.

"We have no definite plans as to how we will operate in the future," Ivar Noren, club organizer, said. "We will be meeting with university people soon to decide whether we can operate under varsity classification next season."

Mr. Noren said the club will also look into the possibility of obtaining its own equipment.

"This will be a major undertaking," he said. "We would like to get funds from SAC (Student Administrative Council), Wintario, and hopefully the college for this."

Seventeen men and seven women were members of the club this year, giving Niagara what Mr. Noren called "a good program."

"They have all been fantastic," he said. "They came for all the practices whether they were early or late and had a very good season."

Mr. Noren expressed gratitude to the South Niagara Rowing Club, which provided the club's coach, Tom Boyer.

"I am very thankful to them for providing the shells and the club and dock facilities," he said. "I am also very grateful to SAC for giving us the budget which allowed us to operate."

Mr. Noren said the club may enter a meet in Philadelphia in the spring, but added that "the real season will start next fall."

SUPERSTARS LOST

The hockey world lost two superstars this month when Bobby Hull and Bobby Orr retired. Hull retired two weeks ago and Orr quit last Wednesday.

Knights trounce Conestoga, take season opener 71-50

By ROBERT BRODIE
Staff writer

Bruno Couloigner and Tim Chambers scored three points each during a key 10-point streak early in the second half as the Niagara Knights whipped the game but undermanned Conestoga Condors 71-50 in an Ontario Colleges Athletic Association basketball game Nov. 2.

The loss was the 31st in a row for Conestoga, who have not won since they defeated Niagara 73-71 in January, 1976, for their only victory of the 1975-76 season.

Niagara was only leading 34-30 in the early minutes of the second half before beginning their decisive burst.

Couloigner started the streak by hitting a free throw. Brian John followed with a layup, Ted Kicinski scored on a rebound and Couloigner hit a jump shot to increase the lead.

Chambers made it 44-30 by ramming home a jumper and hitting a free throw to complete a three-point play, and Niagara was never seriously threatened thereafter.

CUT DOWN

It was a matter of manpower right from the beginning as the Condors had only five players to begin with and were down to three when the game ended. Knights' coach Don Lesco said this may have had an effect on his team's play in the game.

"We were playing under the worst possible circumstances in that they (Conestoga) are not very good and were undermanned. Last week we played superbly against them when they had nine players and won by 25 points."

Lesco said the Knights lacked emotion and showed it with their play.

"They just walked through this game, didn't really think, and did virtually nothing they were supposed to do. I would certainly hope this is not indicative of the way the season is going to go.

"This is a game of emotion as well as technique, and often the two go together. You can't have one without the other."

The game was sloppy in the opening minutes, with both teams making numerous turnovers. Kicinski, who led Niagara with 19 points and dominated the boards, broke the ice with a rebound basket as 1:42.

It was fairly close for the first six minutes until Niagara held the Condors scoreless for 3½ minutes and built up a 24-11 lead.

However, Conestoga refused to give up and outscored the Knights 10-2 to pull within 26-21 with about five minutes left in the half. They cut the lead to four before Harold Ross hit a jump shot from the top of the key to give Niagara a 34-28 lead at the intermission.

Conestoga relied on outside shooting by guards Bill Kieswetter and Maurice Lebert to stay close in the first 20 minutes. The latter had 15 points by himself at halftime, while Kieswetter threw in grenades from way outside for his eight points.

The Condors' shooting faltered early in the second half and Niagara made them pay for it with their hot streak at the beginning of the period.

Conestoga coach Kaye Collard complained constantly that his players were getting fouled during this time and finally was slapped with a technical foul for his efforts.

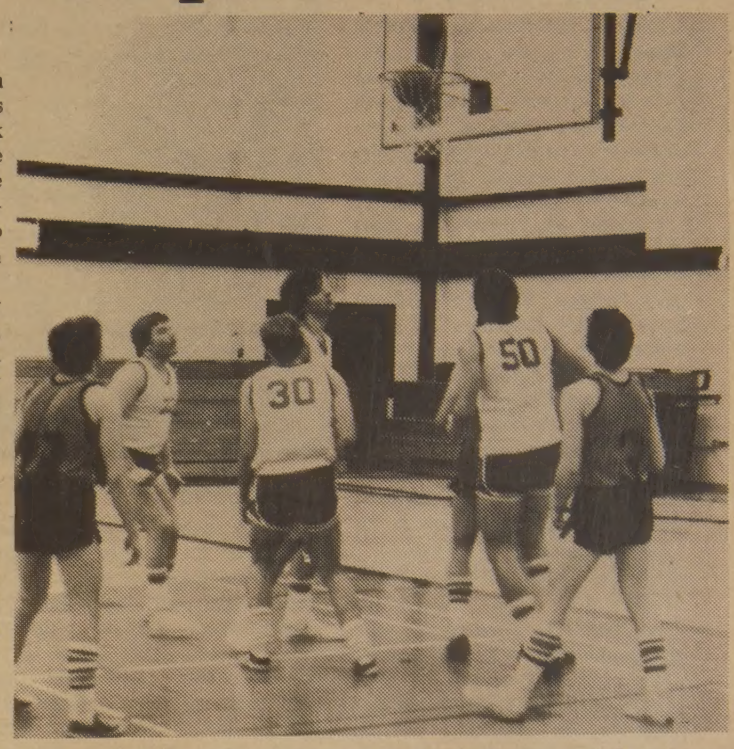
Niagara's lead grew steadily in the second half, with the largest advantage being 68-46 with about two minutes left. Lesco cleared the bench with 7:05 remaining when Conestoga's Bernie Smit fouled out, leaving the Condors with only four players on the floor.

Kieswetter fouled out with 52 seconds left and Peter Stewart was one foul away from disqualification when the game ended.

Lesco praised Conestoga for their efforts under adverse conditions.

"They played as well as possible under the circumstances. It was a real test for the players and the coach and they passed it."

Chambers scored 16 points for Niagara, while Couloigner added nine and Mike Czerlau had eight. Lebert and Kieswetter led the Condors with 23 and 22 points respectively.



Knights chalk up another two points in 71-50 win over the Conestoga Condors. (Photo by Brodie)

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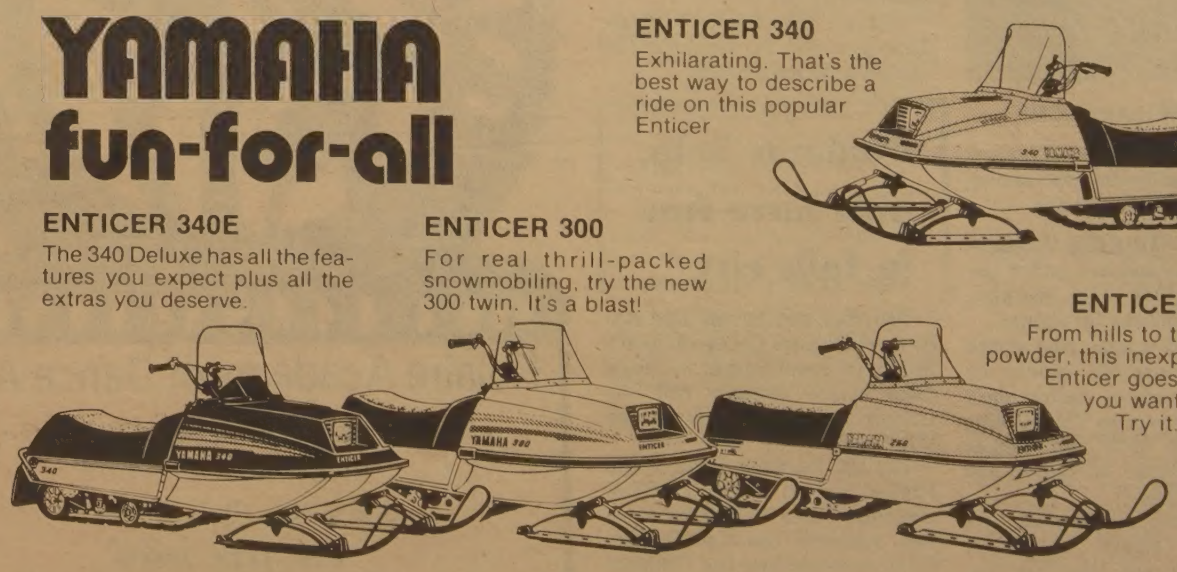

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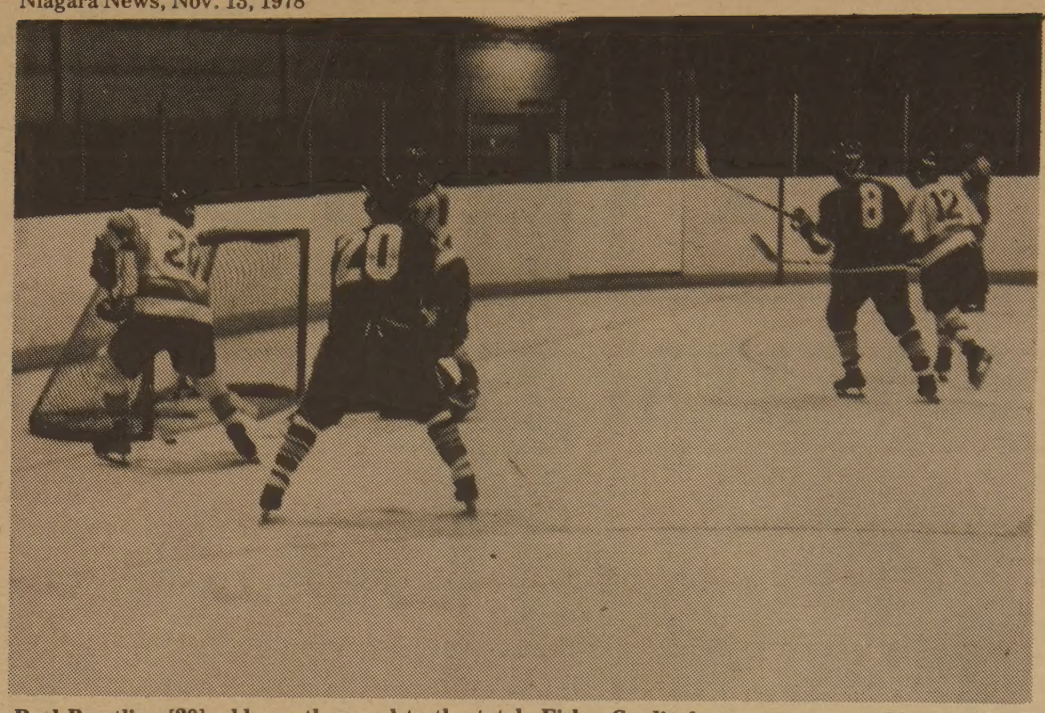
Niagara's men coxed four established its superiority once again as they defeated seven university crews in the 14th annual Brock Invitational Regatta.

The regatta, held at the Henley course in St. Catharines, had entries from 11 schools. They included Niagara, Brock, McMaster, Queen's, Toronto, Carleton, Trent, Erindale, Guelph, and Mercyherst, Erie, Pa.

Ivar Noren, organizer of the club, said the triumph "put on record that when it comes to men's fours, we are the best."

Members of the victorious crew were Greg Howe, Bob Kolenski, John Allman, Ed Pacek, stroke, and coxswain Michele Tetrault.



Paul Berstling [20] adds another goal to the total Fisher Cardinals. during the Knights 16-0 romp over the St. John (Photo by Brodie)

SPORTS

Strong singles play puts Niagara third

Strong singles play led Niagara to a third place finish in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association western division tennis championships.

Despite not sending anyone to the OCAA finals in Toronto, Fred Bassi, tennis team coach, said he was pleased with Niagara's showing in the tourna-

"It was one of our best tournaments. We thought we would finish third, and it was our singles players that got us there."

"They were surprisingly strong. I didn't think they would play that well, but they did."

Seven schools competed in the tournament, with Sheridan, Oakville finishing first, and Mohawk, Hamilton, placing second. Other colleges competing were Fanshawe, Lambton, St. Clair-Windsor and St. Clair-Thames.

Niagara finished third in the men's standings behind Mohawk and Sheridan. They were led by Mark Lightfoot, who came closest to advancing to the provincial finals, but lost in the semi-finals and failed to qualify.

Kevin Foley placed third in his division and sixth overall in men's singles. The men's doubles team of Ron Landry and Ang Armenti finished sixth.

Niagara ended up fourth in the ladies' standings with Sheridan finishing first, followed by Mohawk and Lambton.

Fran McLaughlin finished sixth in ladies' singles, while the doubles team of Julie Cecco and Vero Mykytiuk placed fourth.

Niagara's mixed doubles team of Diane Avedesian and Dennis Dallaire finished fourth in their event.

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Knights clobber St. John Fisher in 16-0 hockey mismatch

By ROBERT BRODIE
Staff writer

Niagara Knights barely had to work up a sweat as they annihilated the St. John Fisher Cardinals 16-0 in a hockey mismatch at the Welland Arena Nov. 4

The win made Niagara's debut in the Finger Lakes Collegiate Hockey League a successful one, but Knights' coach Fred Bassi wasn't overly pleased with the outcome.

"I don't like playing those games, but you have to play them to pick up the two points," he said. "They are a weak team with no depth and they don't have a lot of hockey sense."

"They're supposed to be the worst team in the league and I hope that's true. They still might improve and for the sake of the league I hope they do."

Sixteen Knights picked up at least one point in the rout. Top scorers were Brett Bellaire, who scored three goals and had two assists, and Mike Chartrand, with two goals and three assists.

Mark Patterson also scored a hat trick for Niagara, and Don Frenette added a pair of goals. Single markers went to Andy MacKenzie, Randy Kerr, Larry Carter, Bob Young, Paul Berstling and Andy Cieri. Keith Bull had three assists for the Knights, while Steve Bustard and Larry Mills had two each.

It was target practice for Niagara all night as they pelted Cardinal goaltenders Mike Shafer and Frank Interlichig with 69 shots, 28 in the second period alone. Knight goaltender Jim Pearce had to turn aside 27 shots to pick up the shutout.

St. John Fisher played the Knights relatively even for the first five minutes and Pearce was forced to make good saves on Phil Leckinger and Kip Parker.

KNIGHTS TAKE OVER

Niagara gradually began to take control of the game and effectively bottled up the Cardinals in their own end. The Knights finally scored at 7:58 when Frenette beat Shafer high with a shot from the face-off circle.

It was 2-0 about two minutes later when Patterson lifted the puck over Shafer after Bull had failed to tip in Mark's original shot. Niagara scored two shorthanded goals to round out the their first period scoring. The initial one was scored by Andy MacKenzie on a beautiful length of the ice rush which he concluded by sticking the puck through defenceman Jim DeHollander's legs and then beating Shafer high on the stick side.

The other shorthanded goal was scored by Kerr after some diligent work by Bustard to set him up. Kerr took a good pass from Bustard and backhanded it over Shafer to make the score 4-0.

St. John Fisher defenceman Joe Ferrari was hurt early in the period after blocking a shot by Mike Wolochatiuk, who played a rugged game for the Knights.

Ferrari left the ice doubled over in pain and had to be assisted to the dressing room. He did not return for the rest of the night.

The roof fell in on the hapless Cardinals in the second period as the Knights scored seven times to up the score to 11-0. Bellaire, Chartrand, and Patterson scored twice in the period with the latter completing his hat trick. Young scored the other Niagara goal after some hard work by Bustard set up his shot from the point.

Another St. John Fisher player was put out of commission on the first goal of the period which was scored by Bellaire off a scramble in front of the net.

Bespectacled Cardinal captain Mike Naughton left the ice favoring his left ankle and saw no further action. He had to be helped to the team bus after the game.

Niagara added five goals to their football-like total in the final period. Bellaire completed his hat trick and Frenette got his second goal for the Knights. Berstling, Carter and Cieri also scored.

Team joins badminton association

With the idea in mind that "competition breeds improvement," Niagara College's badminton team has joined the Ontario Badminton Association (OBA) and is looking forward to twice as many tournaments as last year.

Tony Adams, chief engineer for the radio and TV program and badminton coach since last year, said the team joined the OBA for "more tournaments " and "more competition."

Since the team is playing intercollegiate badminton, Mr. Adams wants "anybody who can play badminton" to come out to the practices. He said the team has the "object of getting to the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) finals", he would prefer if beginners didn't try out for the team.

Five weeks ago, when the weekly practices started, about 30 people came, Mr. Adams said. He said the final team will be chosen by mid-December with a final number of about 14 members.

Mr. Adams, who played semi-competitive badminton at the University of Toronto, said last year's team got as far as the OCAA mixed doubles finals. "We did reasonably well," he said.

Niagara College will be host to the western regional championships of the OBA Feb. 9 and 10.

Ladies drop opener, Seneca wins 49-33

The Niagara College women's basketball team lost its season opener 49-33 against Seneca College Nov. 1.

Coach Russ Stevenson said that though he was fortunate to have so many girls back from last year, they did not play together as a team.

Nancy Petro was top scorer for the Knights with 10 points, and Erica Buller scored eight.

Niagara and Seneca split a two-game series last year.

The Knights tipped off against Fanshawe College of London Nov. 9. Results were unavailable at press time.

WILL HOLD TOURNAMENT

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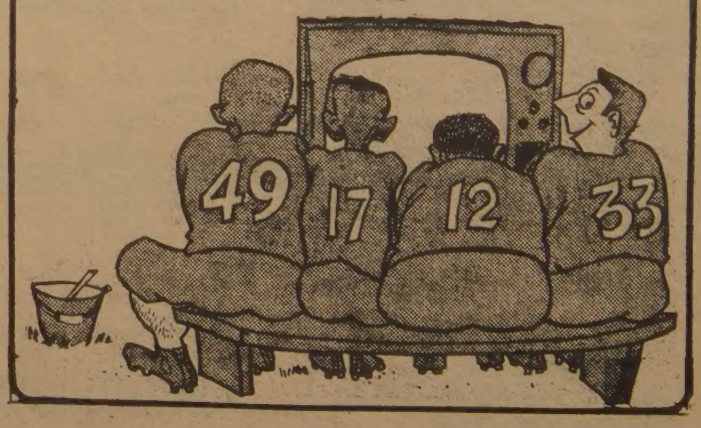


SPORTS

Worn down Knights lose 8-2 to Badgers

By ROBERT BRODIE
Staff writer

Paul Sheehan and Rick Wolochatiuk scored two goals each as the Brock Badgers wore down and eventually defeated the Niagara Knights 8-2 at the Welland Arena.

The Oct. 28 game was much closer than the final score indicated, with the Knights only two goals behind until they faded badly in the third period.

"I'm not really disappointed," Knights' coach Fred Bassi said. "We were just beaten by a more experienced, improving university team that may have been in a little better condition.

"We were fairly even the first two periods, but let up in the third and weren't clearing out in front of our net. Up to that point, we held our own."

GRABS LEAD

Brock came out flying to start the game and grabbed a 1-0 lead before the game was two minutes old. The goal was scored by Ted Lis on a shot from the left face-off circle.

The Badgers continued to dominate play for the first five minutes, and only the brilliant goaltending of Malcolm Pennell, Niagara Falls, kept Brock from adding to the score.

"I was really pleased with Malcolm," Bassi said. "He was the standout for us tonight."

Niagara had a golden opportunity to tie or take the lead in the first period when Brock received three penalties in four minutes, but failed to cash it in. However, it wasn't for lack of effort as the Knights maintained almost continual pressure for the entire four minutes.

Pennell made three excellent saves to open the second period, but surrendered a goal to Sheehan after the puck was given away by the Knights in their own end. The Niagara goaltending had no chance on the play.

The Knights closed to within 3-2 when Patterson brought the puck in along the boards and made a good pass to a wide open Andy Cieri, who lifted the puck past a sprawling Colangelo.

REGAINS LEAD

However, Brock regained its two goal advantage when an unguarded Wolochatiuk flipped the puck past Jim Pearce, who had replaced Pennell halfway through the period.

Brock opened things up in the third period scoring four unanswered goals.

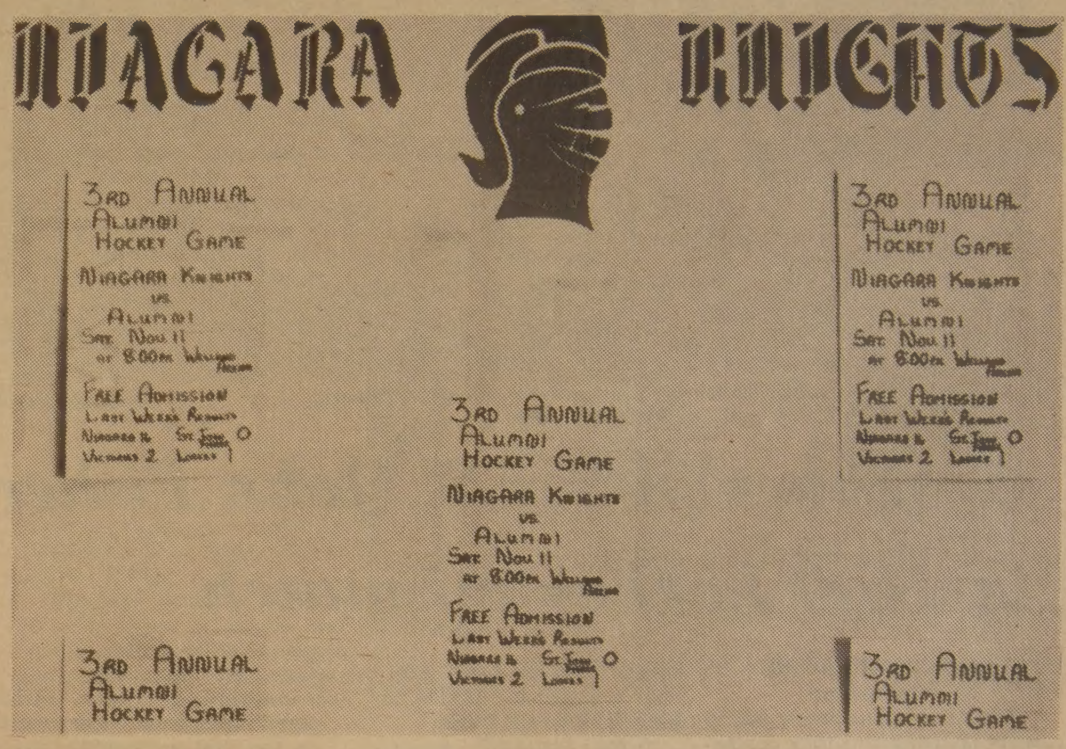
Bassi said part of Niagara's problem may have been "in their heads."

"They were a little in awe of them (Brock), and by the time they realized they were in the game, it was too late and they panicked."

Referee Harry Deline handed out 17 penalties in the game with Brock receiving 12. Six of the penalties came when Mike Wolochatiuk of Niagara and Tim Ball of Brock were ejected from the game for fighting.

Brock outshot Niagara 56-42, piling up most of the advantage in the last two periods.

The Knights played the game without Andy MacKenzie, who is nursing a shoulder injury, and Paul Berstling, who scored three goals in Niagara's opening win, 11-3 over Mohawk.



'What's up Doc?'

Students interested in varsity sports will no longer have to search far and wide for information concerning games. Thanks in part to SAC vice-president for athletics Gary Gizzie, announcement boards are located outside the resource centre. The boards will inform students of all varsity athletic events well in advance, ensuring a fine turnout of vocal fans at home games. Be sure to watch the board for upcoming athletic events. (Photo by Brodie)

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Ref, cold help beat grid team

Stung by the cold weather and a referee, the Niagara College touch football team was defeated 17-14 in overtime by Georgian College during the quarter finals of the Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) tournament held at Mohawk College Oct. 28.

With time running out and Niagara inside the Georgian half of the field, the referee awarded the ball to Georgian on a change of downs.

However, the official was unaware that Niagara still had one play left, depriving them of a chance to kick for a single point that might have won the game. Georgian eventually won with a field goal in overtime.

Despite the bad luck, coach Fred Bassi was extremely pleased with the team's showing.

"The boys all played well," Bassi said. "I thought we did very well with the limited practice time we had."

Niagara advanced to the playoffs by defeating Sheridan and St. Lawrence Colleges 24-20 and 18-14, respectively, after an opening round loss to George Brown College.

Team quarterback Scott Skursky and receivers Serge Borgeski, John McDonald and Don Lazlo all played standout games for Niagara.

The Sheridan game was highlighted by a 45-yard field goal by place kicker Tom Powell.

Beat Tigers 28-19

Kuntas win touch football title

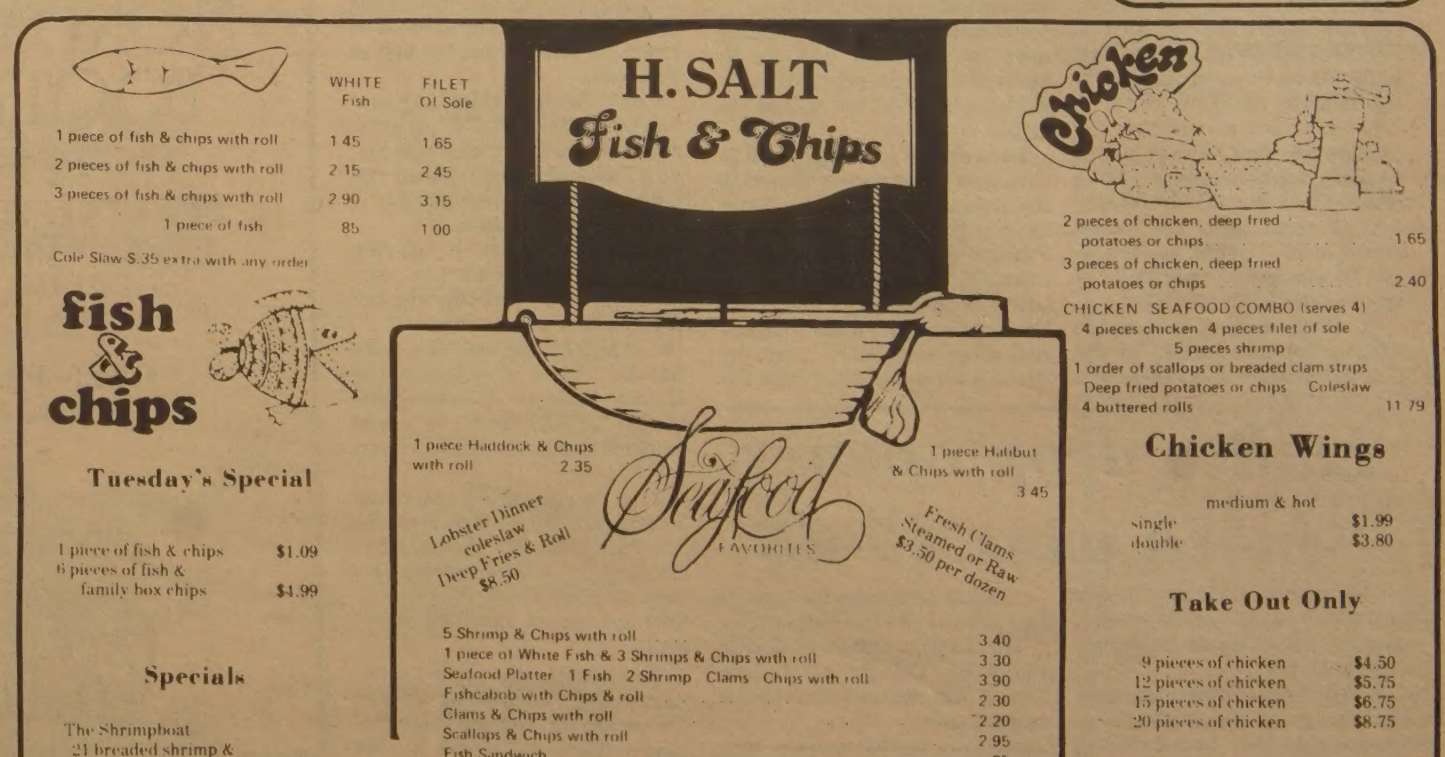
Mike Czerlau and Bruno Couloigner each scored two touchdowns and Tom Powell connected on all four converts as the Kuntas ran over the Tigers 28-19 to win the Niagara College intramural touch football championship.

Spurred on by some clutch catches by Czerlau and Couloigner, on passes by quarterback Randy Kerr, the Kuntas were never headed throughout the entire game.

The Tigers received strong performances from quarterback Scott Skursky and Serge Borgeski in a losing effort.

Both finalists came from the stronger Bassi division as they eliminated their crosstown rivals from the Rylander division in the semi-finals.

Playing on the sloppy field outside the MacKenzie building, the Kuntas slipped and slid their way to a 28-13 lead through to the middle of the fourth quarter. The Kuntas were already in the dressing room sipping their victory bubbly (shower soap) when the Tigers scored their last touchdown.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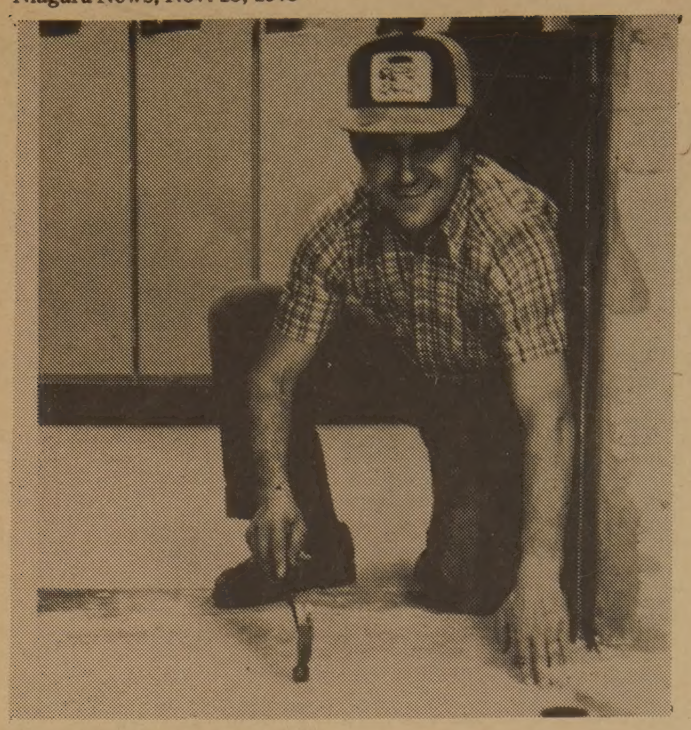

If I had a hammer...

Hammers rang, drills buzzed and dust flew on the second floor of the Simcoe building last week as construction converted one interior design room into two. Pasquale Covello, maintenance department, adds the final touches. (Photo by Ventresca)

Very real possibility for an atomic attack

By PAUL WILSON
Staff writer

An atomic bomb, fired from a military post some 10,000 miles away, whistles through the tree tops, too low to be picked up by radar surveillance. With pinpoint accuracy, it reaches and destroys its target, Niagara College.

Norman Z. Alcock, founder of the Candaian Peace Research Institute, spoke to a large crowd of Niagara students in the Hamilton Room on Oct. 27, as a conclusion to Peace Week activities. He said the bomb scenario is not a far-fetched one, and that with present technology, "tens of thousands of these bombs can be churned out for a mere $1 millionn each...The rules for war have gone up the spout. Defence is just not possible."

Whether they provide any form of defence or not, nuclear arms represent a $400 billion worldwide expenditure annually. Mr. Alcock said this amount, it it were stacked in $1,000 bills, would reach 23 miles high.

He would like to see Canada divert some of its share of the stack. He endorsed a recent suggestion by Kurt Waldheim, secreatary-general of the United Nation, who recommends that each country allot one-tenth of one per cent of its military budget to studies on peace and disarmament. In Canada, this would amount to $3 million, the cost of one fighter aircraft. Mr. Alcock feels this could keep a disarmament education program going for five years.

WRITE LETTERS

He suggested that a letter writing blitz would best bring about such a move. "Write a letter, by hand, to your MP. End the letter with a question, so that you'll get an answer...and you will get an answer. Then send a second one.

Rows of raised hands indicated support when the audience was asked it if would participate in such a campaign.

The $4 million seminar and research fund could come quite quickly, Mr. Alcock said. He admitted that actual disarmament would take a good deal longer.

If the arms race continues at its current pace, he feels that a Third World War is inevitable. "The surest way to have a war is to prepare for it."

In fact, Mr. Alcock has even predicted when that war will be. His institute, which was founded in 1961 to investigate the cause of war and the conditions for peace, has undertaken numerous computer studies to forecast the likelihood of global clashes. Their latest analysis predicts a major war sometime between 1988 and 1990.

Mr. Alcock was asked to justify his prophecy, in light of the fact that there has been no major nuclear war even though the world has had the atomic bomb since 1945. He responded by telling of "the optimist who while falling from a highrise checks his progress every 10 floors and says,'OK so far!'"

He was also asked to specify where the war of the late 1980s would originate. He said the Middle East would be a good candidate, or even a China-Soviet Union entanglement. "Anywhere that's having baby arms races now is a good prospect."

MUTUAL FEAR

Despite the growing threat of war caused by the buildup of arms, Mr. Alcock said disarmament remains difficult to achieve because of people's basic fear of the enemy. "We say, 'What about the Russians?'...It doesn't matter about the facts, that's the way we feel. And the Russians are paranoid about us."

Disarmament is also hampered by the threat of unemployment caused by reductions in military spending. It is widely believed that many jobs would be lost in industries such as shipbuilding and electronics.

Despite these barriers to disarmament, and the fact that "something like one half of the scientists of the world are devoted to the buildup of arms," Mr. Alcock doesn't feel that the situation is hopeless.

Don't be afraid to show grief
Mental health consultant says

By TOM POWELL
Staff writer

People who are not allowed to grieve during the time of a loved one's death may not be able to handle similar situations when they arise later on, said Mary Vachon, a mental health consultant at the Clark Institute of Psychiatry in Toronto.

Miss Vachon was addressing a group of about 150 people at the Parkway Inn, St. Catharines, Nov. 1 at an all-day workshop on bereavement entitled "Grief is Human." It was sponsored by Niagara College's Continuing Education Division and the St. Catharines Palliative Care Steering Committee.

"If you don't grieve then, you really don't know how to cope with grieving later on when problems arise," she told the group.

Also speaking during the morning session was Nancy Hicks, a social worker in Toronto, whose husband shot himself. She has toured Ontario the last few years speaking to groups on ways and means of handling suicide deaths.

Miss Vachon has done extensive research with widows and is involved with three major research studies: helping widows to cope, psychological effects of breast cancer, and staff stress of those who work with patients suffering from a chronic lingering illness or a life-threatening disease.

She divided grief into three categories — shock and disbelief, anticipatory grieving and illusionary reactions.

Shock and disbelief may cause reactions such as talking to a dead person even though the person is not there, and mixing acceptance with denial.

Anticipatory grieving can cause a "lump in the throat feeling" which brings out "physical cravings inside of you, and the desire to fill up this emptiness." People often get the feeling that they can't eat and then eat too much.

"Anger is probably the most difficult emotion for us to deal with," Miss Vachon said. People try to compromise with the feeling by saying things such as, "If you loved me you wouldn't die and leave me."

Miss Vachon said often people need a shoulder to cry on and friends and family should be as understanding as possible.

While there is no set time period on how long grief will last, it seems to go in stages.

There is a horrible grief for the first few days. The next few months involve a lot of difficulty accompanied by a painful feeling of loss and the next years entail a lot of problems getting readjusted and starting a new life.

Mrs. Hicks spoke with great emotion of the tragic death of her husband, a graduate student who shot himself with a gun.

It wasn't until she arrived at a hospital that an aide gave her a shoulder to cry on and allowed her to yell and scream.

"I think all I really wanted was a shoulder to cry on," she said.

Mrs. Hicks spoke of how people can help themselves in a situation like hers. Children often are afraid that the lone parent will leave them; she assured her family that they still were a family and that she wouldn't leave. She warned her listeners that they should not be afraid of their emotions.

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Plan parent night at college daycare

By ROBERT BRODIE
Staff writer

Parents of children supervised at the Early Childhood Eduaction Centre will have a chance to meet teachers and instructors in the program at a parent-teacher meeting on Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Margaret Hamilton, co-ordinator of the Early Childhood Education program, said the gathering, organized by second-year students, has a two-fold purpose.

"It will give the parents an opportunity to view the centre, meet the teachers, and gain an understanding of our program.

The program will include a slide presentation, a tour of the centre, and a panel discussion with teachers at the centre.

Four student committees, each with a separate chairman, are organizing the event. However, there is no overall chairman.

"They are all working together, with Mrs. Allison Soave and myself advising them," Mrs. Hamilton said. "It is a school project."

Kim Gebhart, Queenston, is chairman of the publicity committee.

To save mailing costs, the invitations are being sent home with the children.

"We will also send another reminder just prior to the event so that nobody can say they forgot," Mrs. Hamilton said.

"The social committee is being run by Pauline Koole, St. Catharines.

"We have the job of taking care of the refreshments," she said. "When the parents come in, we will give them a tour of the Centre and explain what each room is used for."

Linda Isaak, St. Catharines, heads the facilities committee.

"Our committee is in charge of setting up tables and chairs," she said. "We are also hanging up art done by the children and decorating the room in various ways."

Marni Wood, St. Catharines, is chairman of the program committee.

"They will take pictures for the slide presentation and arrange it to music," Mrs. Hamilton said. "They will also arrange the staff for a panel discussion on aspects of programming for young children."

Mrs. Hamilton said everyone is hoping for a good turnout at the meeting.

"It is important that the students, parents and teachers get along together," she said. "It is also important that parents become better acquainted with the activities of their children at the Centre."

Consumer columnist reveals unjust business practices

By PETER EPP
Staff writer

Not many people care if residents of an old-age home are deprived of a quantity of candy, or if bars in Toronto are not putting the required amount of vodka into their Bloody Marys.

Ellen Roseman, consumer affairs columnist for the Globe and Mail, is concerned, and makes it her job to be concerned.

The 31-year-old slender writer spoke to first and second-year journalism students Nov. 6 about her work of uncovering certain business practices.

A consumer columnist has particular relevance now, she explained, in a time of strong consumer associations and a tendency to "distrust all the big institutions."

Since she started writing for the Globe, Ellen has investigated everything from rental agencies and martial arts schools to telephone solicitors and bologna prices.

During one of her investigations she found that the numerous driving schools that have have mushroomed across the province require no specific licences and follow no specific safety procedures. A provincial inquiry into the driving school business was launched soon after Ellen's article appeared.

ELLEN ROSEMAN

However, she said, "It takes more than one article to move a business — to change something."

INVESTIGATIVE DRINKING

Using an idea from a New York newspaper, Ellen and her researcher husband, Edward Trapunski, visited 15 bars in Toronto last year to determine if the alcohol content in Bloody Marys was up to the one-ounce government standard.

Because it is illegal to take drinks out of a bar, Ellen had to cunningly pour the Bloody Mary into a mason jar in her purse for testing in a laboratory.

She found that all but two of the bars did use the mandatory one ounce of alcohol. A second test confirmed that one bar did use less, and an inquiry was launched. Though Ellen was asked to testify, her editor decided it was her job to report, not to prosecute.

Sometimes Ellen has to nitpick into certain issues. In one investigation she found that packaged candies at old-age homes were underweight according to the printed weight on the package. Although the law didn't require the exact weight of packages under two ounces, a new regulation concerning weight was passed.

Advertising claims are her biggest research topics.

She found that the Loblaws-based Ziggy's stores had bologna exactly the same as Loblaws, but at a higher price. A Toronto rental agency which professed to help customers find apartments, was not giving any better service for a $50 fee than the customer could do for himself.

STUDIED PHILOSOPHY

Ellen's rise to becoming a celebrated and widely read columnist started at McGill University where she reported for the university paper, The McGill Daily, "and just loved it."

She graduated from McGill with an honors degree in philosophy and received her master's degree in Toronto.

She came to Toronto hoping to work for a book publisher. She sent a resume to Maclean-Hunter publications and was hired as assistant editor for a business publication, Style, a 24-page biweekly tabloid sent to women's clothing and designer stores.

It was during this two-year period that she learned the newspaper business, from writing and editing to layout and design. She was a freelance writer for six months at the Financial Post and eventually became a retailing writer.

She took three months off to write her first book, Consumer Beware! She commented wryly that the first paperback edition fell apart. She has since been co-author of another book, Canadian Consumer Survival Book, which has sold 10,000 English copies and 7,000 French.

Ellen was hired as a full-time consumer reporter for the Toronto Star after she spotted a mistake about a consumer group on the front page.

From the Star she moved to the Globe and, eventually, to writing her own consumer column.

"I am given complete freedom to do what I want in exploring ideas and situations," she said. She finds it an honor to work for "Canada's national paper" and said its readers are very knowledgeable.

So far her column has grown from a Monday feature into a Thursday feature as well.

With all her expertise as an investigative reporter, Ellen Roseman feels she lacks one merit — a scientific background which would help with laboratory testing.

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Americans complain

Tourist industry trouble in Ontario

By PAUL WILSON
Staff writer

Nobody's been saying "Yankee go home" exactly, but the message has been getting through all the same. The number of Americans visiting Ontario has been dropping steadily, and it's partly because they're finding the province to be a pretty unfriendly place.

This fact surfaced recently from interviews with several thousand American tourists and from consumer complaints received by the tourism marketing branch of the ministry of industry and tourism.

Ontario's unfriendly nature will certainly be on the agenda when 50 first and second year Niagara tourism students meet with the ministry's tourism branch in Toronto on Nov. 24. The all-day seminar — open to all the province's community college tourism students, about 700 in number — gives the ministry an opportunity to outline its policies, programs and what it's doing for the tourist industry in Ontario.

It may have to start off with some bad news. The latest statistics show a tourism deficit that has grown from $585 million last year to an estimated $600 million this year. At least part of this slide can be attributed to the friendliness factor.

Neil McGregor, co-ordinator of Niagara's tourism program, says the personality problem "has been known at the government level, through their research, for a long time. It's becoming a major reason for the decline in the tourism numbers."

'WE TREAT YOU ROYALLY'

Mr. McGregor said one of the things the tourism seminar will be covering is the We Treat You Royally campaign. Created last spring, the $1.1 million publicity operation was designed to tackle Ontario's unfriendly disposition. In its first stage this past summer, the program won the participation of 90 per cent of the tourism industry and gathered $250,000 worth of free editorial space in newspapers.

But not all consider it wildly successful. Kenneth Wallington is manager of Louis Tussaud's Wax Museum in Niagara Falls. He said, "all our staff were wearing their We Treat You Royally buttons. But it's like any novelty thing, it was going strong when it first started. I've seen the enthusiasm come and go."

He could understand how an American might get the impression that Ontarian are unfriendly. "In Niagara Falls in particular, there's often a strong division between the locals and the tourism establishments. If a tourist ran into one of these citizens who's hostile to the tourist industry, he might carry away the impression that we're inhospitable."

Mr. Wallington said he feels that "you can be against anything if you haven't tried it." As president of the Niagara Promotion Association, he's organizing a Winter Fest Museums Day for January, where all the people of the Niagara Region are invited to tour many of the attractions of Niagara Falls for free. He feels this should help to improve relations between the two groups.

BUSINESSES 'SOUR IT'

He did admit that frequently enough it's "the businesses that sour it. Some are only in there to get all the money they can. And the staff will reflect this. They'll have no warmth. they may as well be machines."

It's the same employee who is in the single best position to influence a visitor's impressions. Mr. McGregor said that "always, in discussions with provincial tourism people, it's suggested that we start courses dealing with the problem of unfriendliness. But no one yet has said how one is supposed to teach attitudes."

His students will be briefed at the Toronto seminar on the second phase plans of We Treat You Royally. For next year, there will be more concentration on training for tourism workers.

The efforts to boost tourism in the province are no sideline activity. Tourism is Ontario's second largest export industry, after auto manufacturing. In 1976, tourism accounted for 10.8 per cent of the gross provincial product. And the tourist industry employs a hefty 11 per cent of the total workforce.

So, it may come to pass that one of Ontario's favorite artforms — the dumb-American-tourist joke — will soon be lost forever. The province's economy just can't afford it.

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